

THREE DEATHS THAT REQUIRE ATTENTION OF CORONER

MAN FOUND DEAD ON LAWN---BODY WASHED ASHORE THIS MORNING---WOMAN'S SUDDEN DEATH

CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE.

President Roosevelt and Family Have an Interesting Time Giving Presents.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Snow, which began falling late last night, gave Washington a genuine Christmas appearance today. Public and private business was practically entirely suspended. Interest centered in the happenings at the White House. Early this morning, the President and all the members of the family retired to the library, where presents were exchanged and many boxes and packages which had come from out-of-town, opened.

ENGLAND WAITS TWO MORE DIE OF DECISION.

WANTS TO HEAR FROM PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ON THE ARBITRATION QUESTION.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The decision of President Roosevelt respecting Venezuela arbitration has been awaited with keen interest in England, says a dispatch from London to the Tribune. The congeniality to the objections raised by the leading American journals is not denied, but there has been a sincere preference for Mr. Roosevelt as the arbitrator. The old Tory Morning Post proposed the President's name in advance of even the quick-witted German Emperor and the suggestion has been received with a chorus of acclamation by the English press. There are no ulterior motives. This English preference is based upon respect for the President's character and recognition of his unique fitness for the duties of an arbitrator in a case where a guarantee for payment of an award is urgently needed but may be dispensed with, if he consents to act. The English press is regarding his sobriety of judgment respecting Germany. Mr. Kipling's outbreak is generally condemned and the German Emperor is beginning to have something like justice for his evident desire to maintain the friendliest possible relations with the United States. The British Solidarity for the maintenance and preservation of the Monroe doctrine seems overwrought when two powerful European Governments have virtually recognized it and deliberately dominated the American president as arbitrator.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDS LONG TERM

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—The November term of the First Circuit Court, which was extended to yesterday, was ended last night, after six weeks of continuous sessions, with Judge J. T. de Bolt, the latest appointee of the President, as Presiding Judge. A very large criminal calendar, in which Porto Rican offenders were disproportionately numerous, was disposed of. The embezzlement cases against Superintendent of Public Works James H. Boyd and Chief Clerk B. H. Wright were not reached, being at the foot of the calendar, and they were postponed to the February term. Wright has secured bonds in the sum of \$3,000 and is now at liberty.

WILL CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF SHIP

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—The Honolulu Chamber of Commerce, Merchants' Association, Builders and Traders' Exchange and other bodies are preparing to celebrate the arrival of the cable ship Silvertown, establishing cable communication between here and San Francisco. There will be a general holiday on the day of the ship's arrival, and the cable end that is in touch with the mainland, and a large public meeting will be held. The conduit which brings the wires into the local offices of the cable company from the landing at Walkiki is nearly finished.

the rest of the family at luncheon with Commander and Mrs. Cowles. At the homes of the Cabinet officers the day was quietly observed, while among the embassies and legations elaborate preparations had been made for celebrating. Official dinner parties were given by the British and Russian Ambassadors. The Argentine Minister and wife gave a children's party at the legation, while the Minister for Peru and his wife entertained a number of Peruvian students in the various schools and colleges of the United States. Tonight the President will entertain a number of friends at the dinner which will be held in the State dining rooms. The Mexican Ambassador will also give a dinner party.

EXPLOSION WROUGHT DREADFUL HAVOC IN THE POOL-ROOM.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 25.—William Helwig and Joe Kenney, both of Hot Springs, victims of yesterday's pool room explosion, died during the night. Thus far these are the only fatalities recorded, although four more victims are likely to die. These are: Samuel Livingston, Palmer House, Chicago, knee sprained; A. D. Brancher, Leadville, Ill., subject to rheumatism, ill from exposure; Mrs. M. S. Rogers, Chicago, left knee sprained and bruised; M. Merry, Bloomington, wrecked and bruised; E. J. Harper, hip sprained; Ben Eckert, 333 East Ninth street, hand sprained and wrecked; H. H. Glendon, baggageman, Chicago, leg sprained and bruised; H. E. Humphreys, conductor, Chicago, bruised and sprained; William F. Lenning, engineer, Bloomington, hurt internally, serious; John Riordan, fireman, Bloomington, bruised. The explosion wrought dreadful havoc to the pool room, which was located in the rear of the Turf Exchange. The house stands on Central avenue in the heart of the city. When the explosion occurred the pool room was crowded with people and all went down in a mass of wreckage. R. C. Chambers, one of the proprietors of the club, had both legs and both wrists broken. The bones were set last night and to-day it is believed he will recover. J. F. Burch of Chicago sustained a broken leg and is seriously injured. Benjamin Murray, the driver of a gasoline tank wagon, who was arrested and charged with criminal negligence, made a statement this morning. He said he made a connection from his wagon to the gasoline tank in the cellar under the pool room. Upon entering the cellar he found twenty or thirty gallons of gasoline overflowed in a large pool on the floor. Fearing an explosion he rushed to an open window and closed it. He says the door was then opened by a negro porter and the gases coming into contact with the lighted cigars in the pool room ignited, and the explosion followed. Murray was blown against the side of the cellar but escaped with slight injuries. All the injured are receiving the best of treatment. The large staff of physicians of the city have volunteered their services and are looking after the wants of the unfortunate victims. Charles Walker, the partner of Mr. Chambers, stated today that the wrecked portion of the building will be rebuilt at once. He, with several employees, was on the second floor when the explosion occurred, but all escaped to the street in safety.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE REPORTED STARVING

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 25.—Thousands of cattle are reported to be starving on the range in Northwestern Colorado. The Humane Society appealed to the owners to rescue the stock and they have replied that they are powerless to do so. The cattle are snowed in on the high range in Routt and Rio Blanco counties, without pasture and without water. It is impossible to get feed to them and equally impossible to drive them into suitable winter quarters.

BERKELEY INSPECTOR IS DEAD

Frank B. Thompson Falls on a Lawn and Expires

His Body Found Early This Morning by a Neighbor.

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—When J. D. Butler, who keeps a grocery store at the Telegraph avenue entrance to the University grounds, opened his store this morning he found a body lying on the lawn next door at 2213 Telegraph avenue. An examination revealed the fact that the dead man was Frank D. Thompson, sanitary inspector for Berkeley. The body was cold, showing that it had evidently been on the lawn for the greater part of the night. It was at once removed to the Berkeley branch office of the Morgue. In the pockets was Thompson's watch and chain, some papers and some money, which would go to show that he had not been assaulted. For some time Dr. Woolsey has been treating Thompson for heart trouble. It is thought that heart failure was the cause of his death. From the peculiar position of the body, Thompson must have been walking down Telegraph avenue when the stroke that caused his death came. He must have fallen immediately, before he could get to the house. Frank D. Thompson was a well known man in Berkeley. He was a member of Durant Lodge, No. 268, and of Alcatraz Chapter, Royal Arch, Free and Accepted Masons. For several years he had been conducting a successful plumbing business at Dwight Way station, and for the past three years he has held the position of Sanitary Inspector. His home was at Dwight Way station. He was about 35 years of age. He had a wife, but no children. His wife is at a hospital in San Francisco, where she was taken a short time ago on account of a fractured limb.

WILL REPORT ON FEDERAL SITES

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—The visit of Commissioner Eustis to Honolulu to report on sites for a Federal building has brought to the front half a dozen different sites which are offered to the government. After several days of active discussion the parties interested practically decided upon a site on Bishop street, opposite the new Young building, which the government may obtain without any outlay of money, by an exchange of government lands.

APPEALS TO THE SUPERIOR COURT FILED

HONOLULU, T. H., December 17.—Twelve appeals to the Supreme Court have been filed in cases recently decided by the Tax Appeal Court, appeals being taken by the Tax Collector. The most important are those of C. Brewer and Company and Castle and Cooke, in which the differences of estimates amount to about a million and a half. The Assessor applied a new principal of assessment of valuations, taxing the "good will" of the business of these corporations, which are general agents, and such a theory of taxation is opposed by them, hence the appeals.

WILL HOLD JURY TERM AT HILO

HONOLULU, T. H., December 17.—United States Judge Estee will hold a jury term at Hilo next month, being the first such term he has held there. The organic act provides for a term of the Federal Court at Hilo in January, but it has not been necessary heretofore to call a jury, and the court has usually opened and adjourned in a day. This time a bankruptcy case in which a jury hearing was demanded and an arrest of a Japanese by the Internal Revenue officers, for illicit distilling, have made a jury necessary.

WOMAN IS SUDDENLY CALLED

Mrs. Margaret Koenek Passes Away at Her Home

No Physician Was in Attendance so the Coroner Will Act.

Mrs. Margaret Koenek, a native of Germany, 64 years of age, died last night at her late residence, 1007 San Pablo avenue, before medical aid could be summoned. The deceased had been ill for some time, but no physician was called in attendance. The body has been removed to the Morgue, where an inquest will be held tomorrow night. The arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

THEY LOOTED THE CATHEDRALS.

STARTLING STATEMENTS ARE MADE BY A TOLEDO, OHIO, MAN.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 25.—The Bee today says: Warren J. Baker, secretary of the Northwestern Masonic Relief Association, today for the first time makes public the secret history of the looting of Catholic Cathedrals during the Mexican War, tells how it was done, and of the burial of the treasure. His tongue was loosened by a newspaper dispatch from Mexico City telling of the discovery of a chest of diamonds, sapphires, rubies, pearls, and golden images beneath the flagstones in the chapel of Las Vocayas College in Mexico City. Mr. Baker's story rivals the mythical tales of Captain Kidd and moreover bears the unmistakable stamp of truth. He says that his father marched from Vera Cruz to Mexico City with General Scott's army during the Mexican War. He and a tent mate, after plotting for weeks, dug their way into some of the richest cathedrals and pillooted them of their fabulous wealth of all sorts of valuable stones and huge golden images. For hours they looted, carrying their burden of precious stones to a hiding place beneath the flagstones in a cathedral yard. Shortly afterwards Baker's companion died Baker returned to his home in New York and then went to Hillsdale, Michigan. Fifteen years after plundering the cathedrals he confided his story to an intimate friend. The friend wrote to the Mexican government asking them if there would be any chance of a division of the spoils if he would tell the government where it could find the sacred and valuable altar decorations that had been stolen. In a letter bearing the official seal, the Hillsdale man received warning that if he knew of any one who had a hand in the notorious pillaging or if he himself participated in it, he would do well to forget all he knew about it and keep quiet, lest his life be sacrificed in revenge for the desecration of the cathedrals. Baker took the advice but still intended to secure the treasure he had burned.

SWAMP FISHING TO BE REOPENED

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—The prohibition of fishing in the shallows and swamps of Honolulu harbor, put in effect by the Board of Health here on account of severe cholera epidemics in the Orient, is about to be removed. It was feared that the waters might become infected, this having been reported by medical men to have caused the cholera outbreak in Honolulu in 1895. Now that conditions in the far East are improving the restrictions will soon be removed.

EASTERN WEATHER. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Temperatures at 7 a. m.: New York, 34; Boston, 24; Philadelphia, 24; Washington, 30; Chicago, 6; Minneapolis, 12; Cincinnati, 14; St. Louis, 14.

BODY OF A MAN ON THE BEACH

Remains Supposed to be Those of San Francisco Laborer.

Leonard Tifer Makes an Early Morning Find at West Berkeley.

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—This morning at 5 o'clock the body of an unknown man was washed up on the Berkeley beach. The man wore overalls and looked like a laborer. He was about 35 years old. There were no papers upon him to indicate who or what he was. It is thought, however, that he is not a West Berkeley man, but that the body had been washed over from the other side of the bay. He had not been in the water long. Leonard Tifer, a West Berkeley man, who lives on Addison street, started to go duck hunting at 8 o'clock. As he rowed out from the shore, he noticed a peculiar object floating on the water near the pier at the foot of University avenue. On closer inspection it was found to be the body of a man. Tifer went to Wolff's drug store and telephoned to the Berkeley branch office of the Morgue, when Acting Deputy Coroner Richard O'Connor took the body in charge. It is now at the Morgue awaiting identification.

WILL SUPPORT THE PLANTATION MEN

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—The Merchants' Association, backed by the Builders' and Traders' Exchange and other similar organizations, is preparing to make a fight in support of the efforts of the plantation men to secure legislation from Congress allowing the importation of Chinese laborers for plantation work only, under certain restrictions. Local labor unions have decided against the proposition and will oppose the plan. It is understood that the matter will be the subject of a recommendation one way or the other in the forthcoming report of the Senate commission which recently visited Hawaii.

WANT TO BUY HALF THE ISLAND

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—The British cable company owning the "all red" line from Vancouver to Australia to Fanning Island has made an offer to James and Henry Bicknell of Honolulu to purchase their half interest in the island. The company has a cable landing there now and is understood to be seeking to purchase the island. "King" Grieg owns the other half interest. James Bicknell leaves for San Francisco on the Zealandia today and may close a bargain with the British company after he arrives.

HE ROBBED THE HEAD OF THE ARMY

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 17.—Pedro Rodriguez, the Porto Rican who robbed General Miles and Colonel and Mrs. Maus while they were in Honolulu en route to the Philippines, has been found guilty of larceny in the first degree and sentenced to three years' hard labor in Oahu penitentiary. Rodriguez stole a quantity of clothing belonging to Mrs. Maus, also some jewelry and some valuable private papers belonging to General Miles. All were recovered by the police.

BOWLING TRIO. DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 25.—Karp's All-American Trio is playing in this city this afternoon. The three local players who met them averaged 205 and Sebach 206. But twice during their tour has this record been equalled.

ROOSEVELT IS WAITING.

President is Not Going to be in a Hurry to Decide the Arbitration Question.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—It was stated at the State Department today that the President had reached no decision in regard to the invitation of the powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan matter. It is possible that this decision will not be forthcoming for several days.

Correspondence is being exchanged daily between the State Department and the Foreign Offices with reference to the invitation. Secretary Hay was at the White House early today and held a brief conference with the President on the Venezuelan situation.

AFTER SURFACE ROADS.

MAYOR LOW WRITES A LETTER ON THIS IMPORTANT SUBJECT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—In connection with the agitation on the part of the people of New York to compel the elevated and surface railroads to furnish better accommodations, Mayor Low has written a letter to the president of the surface car companies in which he asks why it is not practicable to run at all hours of the day and evening as many cars as are now operated during the rush hours and why, during the crowded hours, two conductors should not be placed on every car, one of whom should be required to remain always on the rear platform. The Mayor also suggests the vestibuling of the cars for the protection of the driver from the weather. In conclusion, Mayor Low says he considers the improvements indicated, so far as he is at present informed, to be of such a nature as would warrant the public in insisting upon them. In a letter to the manager of an elevated road the Mayor says that it does not admit of doubt that the service in many respects is open to serious criticism.

ONE MAN KILLED IN A WRECK.

TWO FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE ON A STRAIGHT AWAY TRACK.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 25.—In a head-on collision between two freight trains on the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis at Petersburg last night Fireman J. A. Wright of Springfield was killed, both legs being cut off. Both engineers were badly hurt and other members of the crews painfully bruised. One train was standing at the depot when the other crashed into it, being beyond control. The property loss will be fully \$50,000. ***** clism and declares he thinks trains ought to be run as the public convenience demands, even if it be necessary to maintain at all hours of the day the same number of trains as are used during the rush hours. He makes several other suggestions and asks to be informed if the company will co-operate with the city authorities in meeting the present condition upon its lines.

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BUSY SCENES ALONG THE WATER FRONT.

NEW ENTERPRISES ARE STARTED—VESSELS ARE KEPT BUSY HANDLING FREIGHT—NOTES OF INTEREST.

The Diamond Freight Company reports unusual activity in their business on account of the holidays. The steamer Diamond is making an extra trip daily during the holiday season, and is loaded to its capacity on each run.

W. H. KRUGER DISCHARGING.
The steamer W. H. Kruger is still discharging at Webster street wharf. An additional force of men are at work completing the output of the cargo, which consists of 400,000 feet of pine lumber for the Pacific Coast Mill and Lumber Company. She will go to long wharf as soon as possible, and will then proceed to Coquille River.

FINISHED UNLOADING.
The scow Annie L. has finished unloading the 4,000 brick for contractor Schley, and will today return to Pedro Point for another load from the H. S. McNear Company. She is expected to arrive again Saturday with about the same amount of brick.

J. J. EAGAN LUMBER CO.

The J. J. Eagan Lumber Company is doing a rushing business at the foot of Webster street. Mr. Eagan is a regular in this business, having been formerly a partner in the Humboldt Lumber Company, and later connected with the E. B. and A. L. Stone Company. He is now in business for himself.

COOS BAY DUE.

The steamer Coos Bay is expected tomorrow at the city wharf. She will have a consignment of coal for Oregon Coal and Navigation Company. The Coos Bay carries about 2,000 tons and makes regular trips to this port.

ARCATA HERE.

The steamer Arcata is at the wharf discharging 500 tons of coal for James P. Taylor.

HAVELY MINSTREL CAR.
A car of the Havely Minstrel Company is on a siding near Adams Wharf. The name of the company is printed in big red letters on the side of it, and all day long troops of small boys stood in silent admiration inspecting it. It is a regular Pullman Palace sleeper, built over to meet the needs of the troupe.

LUMBER FOR THE COUNTRY.

The Humboldt Lumber Company yesterday shipped six cars of assorted lumber to interior points. Five of them are consigned to Logi, and one to the Curry and Warner Company at Davisville. This company is expecting an immense shipment of lumber this coming week, aggregating 2,000,000 feet in all.

SCHOONERS COMING.

The schooners Wing and Wing, Fortuna and Oakland will arrive at Adams Wharf with lumber for the Humboldt Lumber Company. These will keep the wharf lively for some time.

LUMBER BUSINESS ACTIVE.

The lumber business is unusually active for this time of the year. Usually at the Christmas season business in this line is very light, but this year but little depression was felt.

ORANGES TO ARRIVE.

Just as soon as the holiday season is

over large shipments of fruit will begin to arrive for Hunt, Hatch & Company. The packing houses south are now closed, but will resume business on January 2d. Hunt, Hatch & Company is taking advantage of the present condition to make preparations to meet the rush when it comes.

MT. EDEN IDLE.

The old stern wheeler Mt. Eden is still high and dry in the mud alongside the Webster street bridge. From present indications it would seem that she had reached her final resting place, as apparently no attempt has been made for many months to repair her. She ran for many years in the Stockton trade and was subsequently pressed into the Davis Ferry Company when that concern was running opposition to the Southern Pacific Company.

VAN DER WELLE EXPLAINS.
An amusing incident occurred yesterday on the front. Mr. Van der Welle, who conducts a pickle factory in West Oakland, came down to buy fish from the Italian fishermen who ply their trade at the city wharf. The novel sight of a large truck completely filled with small fish attracted quite a crowd of the curious. Mr. Van der Welle was seated on the top of the load and was about to drive away when a bystander jokingly asked:

"Here did you catch all the fish, old man?"

"In the water, sir," answered the pickle man as he drove triumphantly away.

CENTRALIA A SUCCESS.

The steam schooner Centralia, built at Dickie's yard in Oakland, has completed her first round trip to this port. Her officers pronounce her satisfactory in every respect. Not a single mishap occurred on the whole voyage. The Centralia is designed especially for the lumber trade, and can carry more than any other vessel of her type in the trade.

LUMBER FOR DERRY.

The cargo of the steamer Centralia, discharging at the Webster street wharf, is consigned to the Derry Lumber Company. This firm has received several large shipments lately and several more are to arrive this week. The Puget Sound Lumber Company also report good business all along the line.

SHUT DOWN FOR REPAIRS.

Hay & Wright will shut down for repairs for the balance of the week to make repairs. The boilers will be overhauled and all the machinery put in first class shape for the beginning of the year.

SHIPS AT BOOLE'S.

The ships W. H. Macy, Snow-Burgess and Port George are at Boole's ship yard for repairs. The steamer Arctic arrived yesterday and is being overhauled. The former transport Egbert will go on the dock at high tide today. She has been repaired and the insignia of the Dollar Steamship Company now gleams from the smoke stack. She is to be called the "Stanley Dollar" after the youngest brother.

LAUNCH BEING REPAIRED.

The launch Augusta is being repaired at a large cost. When finished she will be one of the trimmest little crafts on the bay.

LARGE COAL SHIP.

The large four-masted ship Oranosta is discharging at the Oregon Improvement Company's dock. She has aboard 1,600 tons of coal. The captain anticipates considerable difficulty in obtaining a charter for the home voyage to Newcastle, as the rates are very low. He says he will stay here until spring if he cannot get a satisfactory offer.

LUMBER FOR MODESTO.

The E. B. and A. L. Stone Company are shipping several carloads of timber to Modesto. Only about nine men are employed at the yard of this company at present, while at the same time last summer 15 were working steadily.

ETTA B. A. JEWEL.

The gasoline schooner Etta B. is pronounced a jewel by her owners. She has never given a bit of trouble since her first voyage. Vessels of this type are rarely in continual trouble with the machinery, but this little vessel makes trip after trip with mishap.

WORK PUSHING.

The United Shipbuilding and Engineering Company are pushing work on the new iron schooner which is being constructed at their yard. This vessel will be the largest iron craft ever built in an Oakland yard.

RAILROAD COMPANY GRANTS INCREASE.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 25.—Employees of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railroad have been granted a seven per cent increase in wages, effective December 1st. The company employees about 12,000 men, almost all of whom will benefit by the raise.

WILL GIVE A RECITAL.

Mrs. Lillian Lord-Wood, the well known Boston pianiste and favorite pupil of Mme. Szumowska, will give a recital of piano forte music at the Edell Club, Saturday afternoon, January 2, at 2:30 o'clock.

FORBES WILL GIVE NEIL A RETURN MATCH.

THE PAIR WILL FIGHT IN SAN FRANCISCO IN JANUARY—SPORTING NOTES OF INTEREST.

Harry Forbes, the champion bantam-weight of the world and who was given the decision over Frankie Neil in the seventh round at the Reliance Club the other night, has consented to give Neil a return match. The conditions of the battle between the two fellows will be just the same as the other fight.

The mill will probably be pulled off before a San Francisco club some time in January, and either Jack Welsh or Eddie Graney will officiate as the third man in the ring.

Neil has no complaint to make over the decision rendered by Referee Eddie Smith, as to give the bout to Forbes was all that he could do after the decision of the three physicians.

The winner of the above battle will be matched to fight Andrew Tokell, the English bantam champion. The go will be held in San Francisco some time in February.

BIG LEAGUE BALL TEAM PLAY TODAY

ALL-AMERICANS AND NATIONALS WILL GIVE SAN FRANCISCO A SAMPLE.

Today the San Francisco public, and in fact the baseball fans about the bay will have their first chance to see the All-Americans and the Nationals play the game as it is played in the East.

The exhibition is scheduled to take place this afternoon and, although the two teams are on an exhibition tour, there is considerable rivalry between them and the game is sure to be energetic one.

On account of accidents to some of their players, the visitors have had to pick from the ranks of the local teams. Johnny Burns will do the elegant at second for the All-Americans in place of Jim Williams, who has about a week more to serve on the disabled list, and Tommy Leahy will don the wind cap for the Nationals, while Mike Kahoe is nursing his torn hand. Chesbro will pitch to Tommy this afternoon against Addison Jones and Billy Sullivan in the points for the All-Americans. The balance of the teams will be as follows: Nationals: Beckley, first; Ritchey, second; Irwin, third; Dexter, short; Crawford, left; Cooley, center; and either Tannhill or Donovan, right. All-Americans: Davis, first; Burns, second; Coughlin, third; Cross, short; Hartzel, left; Jones, center; and Harley, right.

Winnie Mercer and Bill Donovan are to twirl tomorrow, while Chesbro will go in the box again Saturday against Bernhardt, the Pittsburgher's reason for working out of his turn being that he does not play Sunday ball.

ANNUAL MATCH OF THE TENNIS CLUBS

ALAMEDA AND BELLEVUE WILL MEET TODAY ON THE LATIMER'S COURTS.

The annual challenge match of the Alameda and Bellevue tennis clubs will be played today on the Latimer's courts.

The best field of horses seen on the track at Ingleside this season will get together today to run the Christmas handicap of one and one-fourth miles.

Articulate has the speed of his field, but loaded down with one hundred and twenty-five pounds—the biggest load in the race—he may find it hard to finish the distance.

That little horse, Corrigan, is well liked and will be sure to give a good account of himself.

The card offered this afternoon is as follows:

First race—Seven furlongs; three-year-olds and upward.
Greyhound (W. J. Magrane).....108
Platonicus (Smith).....108
Oso (Black).....108
Hazelamb (S. Brown).....108
Bessie McCarthy (E. J. Arnold).....108
Maggie Felix (Burrows).....108
Galanthus (Mrs. J. Coffey).....108
St. Rics (Jack Atkins).....108
Declanier (W. J. Magrane).....108

Second Race—Six furlongs; all ages; selling.
Stunts (Peters).....90
Bessie (W. J. Magrane).....108
Louvelina (Western Stable).....108
Gladys Bell (Mrs. J. Coffey).....108
Tower of Candies (Cesars Young).....108
Declanier (W. J. Magrane).....108
Jarretiere d'Or (Jack Atkins).....108
Esherin (J. Schorr).....108
Roltair (Kirk & Co.).....108
Jim Hale (W. J. Magrane).....108
Nora D. (Stevenson).....108
Matt Hogan (W. J. Magrane).....108

Third race—Puturity course; two-year-olds; selling.
Dora Weil (Murray).....100
Little Margaret (Cesars Young).....95
Edna Rose (G. Davis).....80
Antic (Joseph).....100
Onyx II (Brown).....100
Fort Wayne (E. Arnold).....109
Orfeo (W. O. B. Macdonough).....109
Bessie McCarthy (E. J. Arnold).....109
Gus Lanka (Lanka).....109

Fourth race—One and one-quarter miles; three-year-olds and upward.
Cesarian (W. J. Magrane).....118
Nones (P. Ryan).....117
Siddons (T. Stevens).....109
Watercure (Cesars Young).....109
Bessie McCarthy (E. J. Arnold).....109
Marque (E. Burch).....99
Articulate (Bob Smith).....125
Rio Shannon (Mrs. J. Coffey).....108
Corrigan (Burns & Waterhouse).....110
Declanier (W. J. Magrane).....111

Fifth race—Seven furlongs; two-year-olds; handicap.
Durasso (G. B. Morris).....115
James P. (W. J. Magrane).....109
Gaviota (Olliver).....118
Polonius (Burns & Waterhouse).....108
Arabo (W. B. Jennings).....111
Sixth race—One mile; three-year-olds and upward; selling.
Golden Light (P. E. Smith).....109
Eatin' (Cohn).....102
Bill Massie (McAlister).....100
Illohuwa (Ketchuman).....107
Ada N (Gould).....108
Antioch (D. A. Hodge).....105
Sweet Tooth (Ryan).....103
Virgie d'Or (Macdonough).....100

BOSTON IS EXPECTED.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 25.—The cruiser Boston is expected to leave here today in response to orders received to join the flagship New York at San Pedro or some other point further down the coast, where she may overtake her.

CITY ENGINEER SUBMITS HIS FIGURES.

ESTIMATES COST OF CONSTRUCTING THE BITUMINOUS CROSS WALKS.

WORK REQUIRED FOR THE BOND PROPOSITION IS NOW ALMOST COMPLETED.

City Engineer Turner, who has made most of the estimates for the proposed bond issue, has about completed his work. Before the next meeting of the Committee of the Whole of the City Council he will file a report regarding the cost of constructing bituminous crosswalks, and there will then be only one more report for him to make—that of the cost of improving the West Oakland Park.

The report on the crosswalks follows:

"To the Honorable City Council of the City of Oakland—Gentlemen: I respectfully submit herewith plans and specifications for the bituminous rock crosswalks on macadamized streets in the city of Oakland.

"The following is an estimate of the cost of said improvement:
199,200 square feet bituminous crosswalks at 21c.....\$ 41,832
25,900 linear feet crosswalk with culvert at \$2.50.....64,750
88,740 square feet wooden bridges at 10c.....8,874

\$115,456

10 per cent added for incidentals and contingencies.....11,544

Total cost.....\$127,000

"Respectfully submitted,
"CITY ENGINEER."
Turner said today.

Regarding the cost of improving the West Oakland Park, City Engineer Turner said today:

"We have already made the estimates in regard to the earth work and we could get out the report in a day. Some figuring on the necessary street work will also be necessary. Regarding the cultivation of the park, we would be compelled to give a lump estimate."

So far the City Engineer has given estimates on streets, boulevards, the park between the Eighth street bridge and the Twelfth street dam, Independence Square, culverts and crosswalks.

The estimates have already been filed and printed. The estimate for improving the streets is \$225,700. This amount is for the entire cost of improving San Pablo and Telegraph avenues, Franklin and Alice streets. For improving the other streets, the property owners will pay one-half of the cost.

MINSTRELS TONIGHT AT THE MACDONOUGH

Havely's Macdonough Minstrels, direct from their successful run at the Metropolitan Theater, New York City, opened at the Macdonough last night. The company is the strongest put together in years and is headed by the recognized king of minstrel comedians, the famous George Wilson, of "Waltz Me Again!" fame. Among the assisting comedians are Jeviel, Bert Swor, and Blugess. Minstrel story teller, Jake Young, Perron Somers, Johnnie Swor, Frank Young, Eddie Clinton and others. The singers are all young, with fresh musical voices. Among the soloists are John Roland, basso profundo, late of the Boston Opera Company; Frank Coombe, the letter carrier's lyric tenor; Master Charles Richards, the phenomenal boy baritone, and George Morgan, the wonderful contralto, direct from Moore's Grand Opera Minstrels, St. James' Hall, London, England. The Havely show contains more mirth, melody and music than any so-called comic opera or musical extravaganza ever written. When the curtain rises it shows the members of the company in a handsome setting, with a view of Venice and the famous Campanile tower (now fallen), and other noted buildings, and the bridge of sighs in the background. The array of sweet voices and funny end men is sure to take from the start. The olio includes such acts as the Young Brothers, original black chinks, in a side-splitting silence and fun act; Brothers Swor, eccentricity extraordinary; Garden and Somers, kings of the city musical world; Mr. George Wilson, of whom nothing can be said to enhance his fun-making propensities; the famous Carl Dammann troupe of agile and elegant acrobats, direct from Hammerstein's Great Garden, from "The Chinese Honey Moon," "The Singing Girl," "The Chaparones," "Dolly Varden," "The Wild Rose," etc.

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The Frank B. Peterson Company is the name of a new wholesale grocery firm which has selected the Oakland water front as its place of business. Books are making regular trips from San Francisco for this company. H. Smith is the local manager.

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TOWER MEN WILL NOT GET INCREASE

The demands for an advance in wages made by the tower-men employed by the Southern Pacific Company to operate the switch and signal systems about Oakland have been refused by Superintendent Palmer. There are about twenty men employed in the towers in the vicinity of Oakland, and they receive wages ranging from \$70 to \$90 a month. The men say they are under the greatest strain because of their responsibility, and further that in the East wages paid for the same work are much higher. Another effort will be made to secure the advance asked for, and if it is not granted a strike may be declared.

A Valuable Gift.

Probably the most valuable Christmas gift received by any one in Oakland this year will be presented by Dr. Tilley. To as many as possible Dr. Tilley will, during the month of December, give one week's treatment free. This week of treatment is especially offered to those who are supposed to be incurable. This will test his ability and positively decide the matter with you. No medicine. Crutcher Hotel, corner Washington and Ninth street. Phone Clay 941. Calls him to you. Free.

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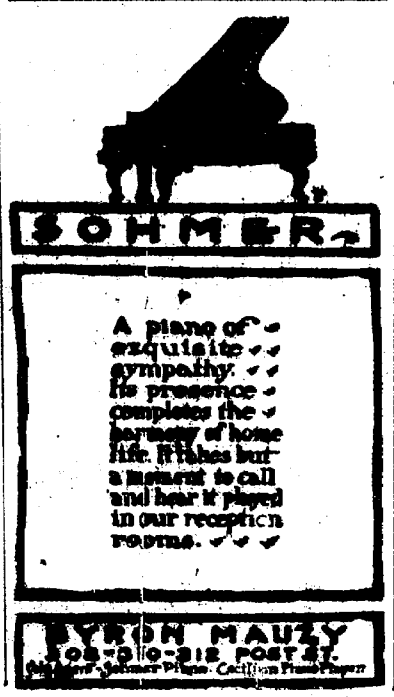
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HAYWARDS MUSICAL PEOPLE MEET
AND FORM A TRIPLE
QUARTET.

HAYWARDS, Dec. 25.—Much interest has been aroused among the music lovers of Haywards by the organization of the Haywards Choral Society. This body of singers met some time ago and decided to change the name of the organization to the Haywards Triple Quartette and under that name the singers will give their future events. The club has secured quite a reputation for the excellent music that it furnishes and the promise of a musical entertainment for the near future has created considerable interest.

The quartette meets regularly and under the constraint training has developed unusual musical ability. No formal announcement has been made that the club intends to give an entertainment but it is rumored that such an event is being arranged. The officers of the club are: President, Mrs. F. W. Browning; director, Miss Anna Obermuller; accompanist, Miss Julia Kinsey; secretary and treasurer, T. B. Jackson. The members are as follows:

First sopranos—Miss Anna Hass, Mrs. Charles Heyer, Miss Vita Priddy, Mrs. T. B. Jackson.

Second sopranos—Mrs. E. M. Owen, Mrs. George Petermann, Mrs. A. J. Rowell.

First altos—Mrs. F. M. Browning,
Mrs. J. Robinson, Miss Eleanor LaVal-
lee.
Second Altos—Mrs. E. K. Strow-
bridge, Miss Olive Allen, Miss Bertha
May.

LIFE OF DR. J. G. COOPER.

Under the direction of W. Otto
Emerson, president of the Cooper Or-
nithological Club, a biographical sketch
of the late James G. Cooper, M. D.,
after whom the organization was
named, has been arranged. It tells of
the life and work of the deceased
physician and contains a warm per-
sonal tribute from the author. Dr.
Cooper was a resident of Haywards
for many years, which place is also the
home of Mr. Emerson.

BECK HOME SOLD.
George Beck recently sold his home at the head of B street to William C. Allen, of Washington. Mr. Allen is a well known Grand Army man, and has a number of old-time friends in Haywards.
After selling his place in Haywards, Mr. Beck purchased his father's place,

which is located in Castro Valley, where he will make his home in the future.

The handsome new residence of Captain Madison, located on Castro street, is now nearly in shape for occupancy. The building is practically completed and the final coat of paint is being put on by Ernest Rey and a force of men. The new home is one of the handsomest in Haywards and is a modern resi-

CHILD PASSES AWAY.

Tuesday night the infant child of Sam Hooson died at the family home in this place. The child had been ill but a short time and its death was due to whooping-cough.

MARRIED IN OREGON.

One day last week, Miss Ida Madeline Lampa and John Eldridge, formerly of Haywards were married in Astoria, Oregon. Both young people are well known in Haywards. Mr. Eldridge graduated from the Haywards High School with the class of

WILL ATTEND CONVENTION.
Misses Lavelle, Cooper, Boston and Dunlay, teachers in the Hayward Public School will attend the Teachers' Convention which will be in session in Los Angeles this week.

MONTAGUE VISITOR.
R. Mills of Montague was a recent visitor in Hayward, where he transacted important business matters.

OFFICIATED AT DEDICATION.
Rev. Father Lally of Hayward officiated at the dedication of the Sacred Heart Church of Oakland, which took place recently.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.
This afternoon the Sunday School children of the San Lorenzo Union Church held their Christmas exercises in the church. The affair consisted of a Christmas tree together with a program of musical and literary numbers.

IN THE SOUTH.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Hall, who are spending the holidays in the southern part of the State.

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SPECIALIZATION IN THE HOME.

Specialization in domestic work seems to be on the increase, and that former household hero—the housewife—has become a thing of the past. The general housework girl is particularly apt to be the victim of this trend. As to her, to specify the things that she will not do is to specify the things that she must do. For example, if the housewife is asked to do the laundry, house cleaning is out of the question and rug beating is a "man's work." Of course the housewife is not asked to do the laundry, for each of these new branches is safe from the peril that threaten the one maided mistress. The laundry woman develops a specialty in the washroom, and the house cleaner has her own "ground," but whose comings are not marked by that regularity that is dear to the heart of a housewife.

No doubt specialization is a good thing, for it usually means competency, and competency was not always a distinguished attribute of the housewife of all work. But until housework is raised to the dignity of an industry, with its own standards and its own ethics, it will continue to be a thing of the past.

The well known dentist, former manager of the Rex Dental Company and until recently assistant to Dr. C. H. Walker of Chicago, Dr. C. E. Fairbairn has returned from a well earned rest and resumed practice in the office of Dr. Davis, Bova Building, Thirteenth street.

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SECRETARY HAY.
FARM LABOR QUESTION.

It must be admitted that Secretary Hay has handled the Venezuelan matter thus far with a high degree of tact. While upholding the Monroe Doctrine firmly, he has been careful not to place the United States in a false position. The allies have been duly notified that this country will protect the territorial integrity of the South American nations, but at the same time he has not denied the right of European nations to chastise any of the so-called republics of the Southern hemisphere for violating the comity of nations and infringing on the rights of foreign citizens. This country cannot afford to make itself a shield for repudiation, bad faith and piracy any more than it can afford to allow European monarchies to extend their system to the American continent.

Secretary Hay has been compelled to steer skillfully between two dangerous shoals. He could not admit too much latitude to England and Germany, and he could not deny them justice within proper limits. He was dealing on the one hand with nations anxious to get the United States into a false position, and on the other with a people having no respect for the rights of other countries and no conception of international obligation. In all their dealings with the United States, as well as the allies, the element of good faith was lacking.

This made Secretary Hay's task difficult and delicate, but so far he has not lost a trick in the game. On the contrary, he has obtained a specific acquiescence in the Monroe Doctrine never before conceded. England has frankly and fully avowed, and Germany has been compelled to give it practical sanction. But in the Venezuelan matter Mr. Hay has but given renewed evidence of the signal ability he exhibited in the Chinese embroglio and other international complications. There is no brighter page in the diplomatic history of the United States than the record Mr. Hay has made as Secretary of State.

SENATOR BEVERIDGE'S TRICKERY.

Senator Beveridge is far from frank in dealing with the question of admitting Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma into the Union. He studiously ignores the fact that the Republican party is specifically pledged by its platform to the admission of those three territories. He continually jumps Porto Rico and Indian Territory with the others and uses them to point his argument against the omnibus bill.

Now the bill follows the lines of the Republican platform and provides for the admission of Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma; it makes no mention of Porto Rico and Indian Territory. Porto Rico and Indian Territory are not asking for admission, and nobody claims that they should be admitted. So, Senator Beveridge is making a dishonest, clap-trap argument to justify a gross violation of pledged faith. He does not raise himself in public estimation by resorting to subterfuges that deceive nobody, and he does the Republican party a poor service by endeavoring to make it repudiate its platforms.

The public is unable to accurately determine who is to blame for the Byron disaster, but it does seem that the railroad management ought to devise some system that will make such horrible calamities less frequent. It may be observed that the smash-ups are much more common on some roads than others. Perhaps there are instances in which the blame does not rest entirely with train crews. Good management is just as essential in railroad as good men to handle the trains.

Ex-Mayor Ames of Minneapolis, who is under indictment for malfeasance in office, is having a great time evading arrest. He goes to a city, stops at the leading hotel, and is interviewed by the reporters. Two days later a requisition arrives for him, when it develops that the ex-Mayor has departed the night before. At this rate Ames will die of old age before the warrant overtakes him.

It is something of a coincidence that Marconi should at last have succeeded in sending intelligible messages across the ocean by wireless telegraphy just at the time a cable was being laid to Honolulu and Manila. But Marconi's discovery, great as it is, is not likely to seriously interfere with the business of the cable companies for some time to come.

The Kansas City Star says the heavy snows in Kansas are a warning to the railroad companies to get more cars to handle the big wheat crop next summer. The prospects are that California is also going to have a booming wheat crop.

General Young was correct to a certain extent at least when he said trade follows the flag. The whisky trade, as is shown by the exports to the Philippine Islands.

CAROLERS OUT ON CHRISTMAS MORN.
CLOSE CALL.

MANY ARE BADLY SHAKEN UP AND BRUISED IN A COLLISION.

BLOOMINGTON, Illinois, Dec. 25.—The projection of a heavy freight engine on to the main line of the Chicago and Alton in Atlanta last night resulted in the wreck of the south bound passenger train from Chicago.

The express car and baggage and smoker were telescoped and overturned, while the engine plunged into the embankment. There were 200 passengers on the train and all were badly shaken up and bruised. Those most seriously injured are: Baggageman H. F. Glendon, Springfield, Ill.; B. E. Karne, Chicago; C. F. Swing, Chicago; Engineer William F. Lenning, Bloomington; Fireman Readon, Bloomington.

JOHN BARLEYCORN.
There was three kings into the East, The king who bore the great and high, And they have sworn a solemn oath John Barleycorn should die.

STARBEAMS.
Antrim: Never borrow from a friend what you can buy from a stranger. Macaulay: In every age the vilest specimens of human nature are to be found among demagogues.

THE VENEZUELA MIX.
Well, perhaps, Those chaps Commanding the British and German fleet Down on the continents meet And running this biz Don't know who Castro is. Why, he's the buzz saw! He eats folks raw! He's a South American revolution com-

CONCERNING ROSE VALUES.
Some Recent Litigation Indicates That They Reach High Figures. The rose in popular estimation is the flower of flowers, but appreciation of it is generally left for the poet's expression, and its merits are not usually threshed out in the dry courts of law.

FLIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY.
An Ohio Man Tells How They Quickened the Pulse of Liberty. According to an Ohio college professor, all the pictures now in existence of the scene when the Declaration of Independence was signed are historically inaccurate. The most conspicuous of these paintings is perhaps that of Trumbull, in the Capitol rotunda in this city. Yet it is grossly in error if the proof which this professor claims to have found in the correspondence of Thomas Jefferson is to be accepted. It appears that Mr. Jefferson, who had a memory for details, wrote some years after the signing of the instrument describing the scene. He explained the confusion in the pictures by stating that the delegates to the convention were affixed by the sight of the signatures to the Declaration of Independence, and that they were so much affected by the sight of the signatures that they were unable to sign the document.

NO SUCH LUCK.
When the hours of day are numbered Wouldn't it be mighty fine For the schoolboy if they'd blundered Leaving out the hour of nine? —New York Sun.

RUSHING WORK ON THE NEW DAM.

CONTRACTORS STRIKE OLD PILES WHILE MAKING EXCAVATIONS ON TWELFTH STREET.

Work on the Twelfth street dam, which the City Council is widening, is progressing rapidly, and the Hutchinson-Ransome Company, which has the contract for the work, expects to complete it before March 20.

At present the contractors are engaged in building the four tidal culverts between Lake Merritt and the estuary, which the specifications call for. The construction of these culverts is being carried on in an unusual manner. Instead of constructing them separately the contractors are making a large excavation that will answer for all four culverts, and they will later separate them with concrete arches. The excavation is 60 feet wide, 100 feet long, and will be dug to a depth of 13 feet. Each of the four culverts will be 12 feet wide.

The contractors began work only a week ago, but they were determined to have it completed by March 20th, the time specified in the contract, and a large force of workmen were detailed on the contract.

Already the men have excavated to a depth of six feet and water has been struck. They have also come upon the piles of the old wharf, all of which must be taken out.

Before constructing the concrete arches a foundation will be put in and this necessitates the driving of piles forty feet below the excavation. Street Superintendent Ott, under whose inspection the work is being done, has secured the services of R. M. Clement, former City Engineer, to inspect the work, and Mr. Clement is giving his entire time to see that everything shall be satisfactory.

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Disatisfied.
The Last of the Mohicans was observed sulking. "But why so gloomy?" asked Fenimore Cooper. "Don't you know I am going to immortalize you?" "Yes," growled the Indian, "but why couldn't I have been the first of the Tammany?"

Longfellow Yet Again.
The gray hair worn by some young dames, Was not attained by sudden fright; But they, because it was the style, Kept bleaching dope on it day and night. —Baltimore American.

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Oakland has more people within her limits today than she ever had before. The recent census, taken a few weeks ago, showed a population of nearly 80,000. That number, however, did not represent the total population, because no census has ever been perfect, and in the last enumeration, a number of residents certainly escaped the enumerators.

FACTORS OF PROSPERITY.
The dissemination of the information that Oakland has increased 23 per cent in her population since 1900; the development of railroad interests in the northern part of the town; the establishment of large factories on the estuary which will give, in the near future, employment to several thousand operatives, have conducted to a healthiness and soundness in the real estate business which has never been experienced here before.

NOT A BOOM.
There is no speculative boom. There is only a straightforward rational increase in the part of the people seeking for accommodations and on the part of enterprises to secure locations. People who, for years, have been moving in old-fashioned houses have moved into, or are seeking more modern, sanitary and convenient abodes. Industries are daily expanding. New business and expanding. New manufacturing institutions, appreciating the advantage of Oakland's location with her superior rail and harbor facilities, are fast filling up the vacant spaces on the shores of her harbor. The development of the city is a blessing to a community, whereas the feverish excitement which is aroused by a "boom" is generally a curse.

This is a fact, the truth of which has often been demonstrated, and that is a little reason to believe that the men who control the situation here, will allow a boom to interfere with the stable and honest advancement of the place.

MOST PROSPEROUS.
Real Estate men say that they have never enjoyed a more prosperous year than that which is now about to close. During that period, more real estate transfers have been recorded, there have been more mortgages and more homes, institutions and factories built than in any one year in the history of the community.

HOUSES IN DEMAND.
And yet, the demand for homes can not be satisfied. In every section of the city new and modern houses are in course of erection. These are no sooner purchased than they are rented or sold. Some of the men of this city are now building houses and flats in which not less than \$100,000 will be expended. And yet, these men know that the demand is an excess of the supply, and that, next year, it will be even greater than it is at this time.

NO "TO LETS."
A few years ago, the streets of this city were full of houses "to let." Now, one may ride for miles and, when he does find a house so marked, he is certain that it is vacant because for some reason or other it is uninhabitable.

Real estate dealers say that they never saw so few vacant houses in this city before, and that they can not get hold of tenements for which they could reasonably hope to find occupants.

This fact was borne out by the recent census which, in a numerical demonstration, showed that there were fewer than 175 houses of all kinds untenant in this city and of these 75 per cent were uninhabitable, and the rest were undesirable for a number of reasons.

END NOT IN SIGHT.
The transfers of realty this week, if enumerated here, would alone fill the greater part of the space allotted to this article.

What is gratifying in all this is the fact that the end is not in sight. Insensibly, Oakland has grown and now that visible factors of still further increase are entering her gates daily, she will continue to advance until she will be second in importance in California only to the metropolis itself.

HOW ACCOMPLISHED.
The commercial bodies of this city; the railroad company by means of its colonist excursions; the all-day-for-a-dollar trip from San Francisco through this city and environs together with the advantages climate and commercial advantages have made Oakland known in the East as it was never known before. Colonists say that they never knew before of the manifold advantages of this city and numbers of them attest this fact by taking up their residence here. The thoughts of returning to the old home which is as the tropics in summer and cold as the Arctic in winter.

ONE THOUSAND BUILDINGS.
During the year which is soon to close, 1,000 buildings of various kinds have been erected in this city. This is a showing which is without precedent here. This showing, however, is made from observation and not from information which may be obtained from any public board or official. This is an oversight which ought to be remedied. There ought to be in Oakland a City Superintendent of Buildings. The duty of such officer ought to be to issue permits for the erection of buildings, keeping a record and the estimated cost of the same. His books should also show when buildings, permits for which have been issued, have been completed and the money which has been expended in the erection of the same.

RELIABLE BUILDING DATA.
The advantage of such an official is shown in the following table:

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the rent is too high at the same time. Incidentally, the property over which we have held property in East Oakland, in Peralta Heights, in the hills behind that, San Pablo avenue, Telegraph avenue and West Oakland. We know of 250 houses that are now in course of erection here.

HOUSES AND FLATS.
Heron & Holcomb—The prospects for general development are brighter than at any previous time so far as experience and observation goes. There is no special demand at the present time. This is our busy season. People are not spending money for Christmas presents and not for houses and lots. The people seem disposed to buy when they feel it would justify their purpose. There are many good opportunities for investment in securing real estate for home purposes, and for men who are not afraid to put money into real estate as a speculative investment. A man who has \$5,000 to invest, considers that as of as great importance to himself as a man who has much more money to realize on. We have seen a man Vista three houses in course of construction and three more are to be commenced next year. At the corner of Thirteenth and Jackson streets, we have erected twelve flats, known as the Lake-side flats, an outlay of \$50,000. We have also erected ten flats on the north side of Twenty-fourth street, east of Valdez street and two flats on the north side of Twenty-fourth, east of Webster. The houses represent an outlay of \$22,500 and the flats \$30,000, making a total of \$52,500. There are almost no houses to rent.

FOREIGN CAPITAL.
H. B. Beiden—There is a temporary lull now. Real estate is taking a back seat. This is due to the exceeding liberality of the real estate men at this season, who are willing to give the business men a chance. It has been an exceptionally good year. The indications are that the next year will be even better. The prime factor in this prosperity is the bringing into the city of the whole country that Oakland has a population of nearly 80,000. It is also due to railroad development and to new capital, which is coming into town.

I know of one man, who has come here to invest, as is H. Kogley, who has been a banker in Kansas. He has invested a whole lot in Oakland. The colonist excursions which have been run by the railroad, have also aided a great deal. They brought a large number of people here. There has been a general waking up of the town, and in this the proposed issue of bonds has had something to do. We are building four houses now; one a cottage and three two-story houses. There are a few houses to rent. I never saw so few houses to rent. There is not a dozen on our list.

DEMAND BRISK ALL OVER.
Alden Co.—The real estate situation is 50 per cent better than it was two years ago. It is better in every way. There is a good general business being done. There are fine prospects ahead. Two or three years ago, we couldn't do anything. Demand is brisk all over. It is pretty general, but more particularly between here and Berkeley and Piedmont. I think the situation will improve right along. I believe it will be better than it is now. I never saw a time in the city when there were so few houses to rent. Within the last six months or a year, there has been more building going on than for years before.

Strange Customs.
A custom prevails among women that is a direct invitation to thievery. Personally no woman would acknowledge it; and yet there are few women that do not habitually practice carrying the pocketbook in the hand or carrying money in a bag swung by a slender chain, either from their fingers or belt. This fashion has obtained for months, and not a week passes that the police station does not record the snatching of pocketbooks and bags from women by men that are seldom apprehended. The darkness comes early these days and is sure to overtake the shopper in the shadow of the alley lurks the thief, who rushes out, grabs the bag and before the victim has time to realize what has happened he is gone. Often he follows her along the street until he comes to the cover of an alley, then makes his attempt and escapes. So frequently are women robbed that Mayor Goodworth has felt it necessary to warn them against thus exposing their money. It might seem that women wished to put this temptation before thieves, from this general practice. No woman likes to lose even a nickel, and she generally has a dozen uses for every cent she can get. On the other hand, she seems perfectly willing to place her purse or bag, containing her money, in direct view of anyone inclined to take it.

Now that the Christmas buying is at hand and the shops and streets are thronged with men, women and children, it will be well for the persons that generally carry their money in their hands to change their habit. The shopper that goes from home after the luncheon hour rarely returns until dusk, and it is then the purse snatcher gets in his work. Since pockets have gone out of fashion and the carrying of bag or purse is dangerous, the women of today should find some other place for their money.—Indianapolis News.

A wrecking train was wrecked on the Hannibal near Brookfield, Mo., Sunday. It has been here for a week since the California "River" derailed the track. Next the way train will lose its way.

The night before Christmas

Merry Christmas

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ENGINEER AND OFFICIALS WILL BE PENSIONED.

THEY WILL BOTH BE DISMISSED FROM SERVICE OF COMPANY.

Division Superintendent W. S. Palmer of the Oakland Mole has fixed the blame for the Brooklyn collision. He has recommended the dismissal of Conductor Edward L. Haehnlein and Engineer T. E. Dixon of the freight train.

Manager Agler will probably dismiss the men.
"Engineers were leaving any registering station will require from the Conductor a check on proper blank showing the numbers of all ruling trains. If any, together with time of arrival and departure, and must assure themselves that no train affecting their rights is omitted therefrom."

Superintendent Palmer makes the following statement:
"The Southern Pacific Company has rules and regulations for the operation of its trains to safeguard not only the public who travel but the lives and property of its employees. In the case of yesterday's accident at East Oakland my inquiry proved beyond all doubt that both Conductor Haehnlein and Engineer Dixon failed to obey the simple rule that is set for handling such trains. The men were in too great a hurry to get out. The Conductor went to the register book at the station and failed to properly read the record. If he had observed the register book, he could have seen that the train had not arrived and was still out of sight of him. He should have held his train."

Engineer Dixon did not obey the rule concerning the check. He did not receive a check from the conductor until after the collision occurred, while the check he did get was not in proper form. Further than that Dixon saw the train approaching, but thought it was the wrong train. He was not looking at the locomotive, but at the engine. That was a mistake which, under the circumstances, could not be excused, because he had not properly informed himself about train that might have the right-of-way over his.
"It happened yesterday that the Sacramento train was caught in the fact was not known to the freight men, but they should have known that the train had not reported in at First and Second streets. Had they made a correct inspection of the register, that register is kept there for the very purpose of protection against the possibility of just such accidents as occurred. The fact is, in view of these facts there was no conclusion to be reached save that carelessness on the part of these men was the cause of the accident. The pension board must be that they leave the company's service."

FOREMOST COMPOSER IS COMING HERE

Edward MacDowell, Professor of Music at Columbia University, will spend his vacation this winter in California, and will L. Greenbaum has arranged with him for a few public appearances. Mr. MacDowell is a splendid pianist, and as such, is one of the most popular of Americans. His orchestral works are played by the leading organizations of Europe and America, the best singers include his songs on their programs, and his piano forte sonatas, etudes and smaller pieces are played by the best pianists and used by the best teachers. Mr. MacDowell will give two recitals at Steinway Hall in San Francisco January 10 (Saturday afternoon), and Monday night, January 12. The programs will include many of his own compositions, besides works of the standard composers. One recital will be given in Oakland at the Unitarian Church Friday night, January 16. Manager Greenbaum promises that if he gets any encouragement from the musical people on this side of the bay he will bring over a number of big attractions, such as Gabriowitch, De Lussan and others. Particulars of the Oakland recital will shortly be published.

DINNER FOR THE BOYS.
Editor Tribune: The dinner which is to be given the boys of the Boys' Retreat, at 407 Eighth street, will be served today at 5 P. M. Mrs. L. L. Templeton, assisted by a number of ladies from the First M. E. Church, will have charge of the tables. We would be pleased to have people call upon us and see what we are doing. Very truly yours, F. E. MUMBERT, Supt.

Saved at Grave's Brink.
"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newson, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the forms of indigestion, Waterbrash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this electric medicine did me a world of good. Since using it, I eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach Liver and Kidney troubles, Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c. at "Good Bros." drug store, Seventh and Broadway.

LOCAL TRAIN SERVICE
Commencing Sunday, December 21st, the local service between San Francisco and Alameda, Fifth street, will be resumed via Alameda Mole. Oakland passengers, however, will continue to come via Oakland Pier. Extra boats and trains will run from Fourteenth street, Oakland, to Alameda Mole connecting with local trains to and from Alameda. Gauge points, such as Santa Cruz, Los Gatos, etc.

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PROMINENT OFFICERS OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC WILL BE RETIRED.

When the pension board, having control of the affairs of the pension department of the Southern Pacific company, holds its first meeting, early in the coming month, steps may be taken to retire from active service no less than six prominent officials in the general office of the company, says an exchange. It became known yesterday, through the publication in pamphlet form of the rules and regulations framed for the control and management of the pension affairs of the company, that one provision adopted by President Harriman's board of directors declares that all officers who attain the age of seventy years shall be retired on a pension.

There are six officials in the general offices who come within the meaning of this provision. They are Captain N. T. Smith, treasurer; T. H. Goodman, general passenger agent; Joseph L. Willcutt, formerly secretary of the company, and now secretary of several of the proprietary companies, including the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific Railway Company; E. Black Ryan, tax attorney of the company; Jerome Madden, land agent of the Southern Pacific, and J. M. Hildford, paymaster.

The pensioning of the company's old employees has been referred by President Harriman to a board consisting of General Manager Kruttschnitt, Chief Engineer James Agler, Chief Counsel W. F. Herin, Superintendent H. J. Small of the Motive Power Department, Engineer J. H. Wallace of the Maintenance of Way Department, Auditor George T. Kink and Dr. Mathew Gardner, chief surgeon of the company. The company's pension scheme goes into effect with the beginning of January and it is announced that early on the month, or soon after the return of General Manager Kruttschnitt, who is spending the holidays at his former home in New Orleans, the pension board will meet to act upon a large number of cases. General Manager Kruttschnitt is said to have a list of over 100 officers and employees in the service of the company who are over seventy years and who thus come under the mandatory provision requiring them to retire on pensions.

One of the officials mentioned, in discussing the matter yesterday, said that he was unable to say what would be done in the cases of the six general office officials who are seventy years of age and over.

"I guess none of us are particularly anxious to retire on a pension," he said, "and it may be nothing will be done. There is another provision in the rules governing the pension bureau which declares that the pension board may, with the consent of the board of directors, continue in the service of the company any employee or official whose services are of a professional character, notwithstanding that he may have reached the age limit. This provision seems to have been adopted to fit the case of officials whose services the company may not care to dispense with, and it is possible that none of the six officials who are now over the age of seventy years will be retired right away. However, this is a matter on which we are all in the dark. The pension board has the matter in hand and it will most some time early in January."

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UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT OF ST. PAUL'S TO THE WIDOW OF THE LAMENTED DR. ROBERT RITCHIE.

A Christmas gift which will be as great a cause of joy as it was a surprise was that which last night was placed in the hands of the widow of the late Rev. Robert Ritchie, for many years pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The gift was taken to Mrs. Ritchie by a special delivery messenger, and consisted of a canceled mortgage upon the pretty home of the late pastor on Linda Vista Terrace. The mortgage which hung over the place amounted to \$2,300. It represented the small portion of an obligation which Dr. Ritchie had assumed, which he labored assiduously to discharge and which would have been satisfied entirely had not death ensued when scarcely more than half of the life work of the loved rector had been accomplished.

The death of Dr. Ritchie removed from his family their main support. The incubus of a mortgage upon the home under such circumstances impressed the neighbors of the divine and the members of his congregation as being a burden too heavy to be borne by the relict and descendants of one who, as a cleric, had endeavored himself to his flock and who, as an individual, was beloved of all his acquaintance.

It was decided, therefore, to take steps to cancel the hereditary obligation, and thus at once to bear testimony to the respect entertained for the living and to the cherished esteem of and love for the dead.

On Thanksgiving morning the proposition of satisfying the mortgage in question was suggested to members of St. Paul's congregation and was received with unquestioned favor. Voluntary subscriptions came in, ranging, according to the means of the donor, from 50 cents to \$200. In the generous response were the unsolicited offerings of neighbors, and, as a consequence, several hundred dollars were received over and above the amount required to remove the cloud from the parsonage. The excess, as well as the canceled mortgage, went to Mrs. Ritchie last night, and the first intimation of the gratitude of the flock which she received was when the messenger deposited the instrument and check in her hands.

The committee in charge of the matter was H. C. Taft, Theo. F. Dredge, Sam Breck, Mrs. I. L. Requa, Mrs. Thomas Crellin and Mrs. J. G. Allen.

No successor has yet been decided upon to the late rector, but it is understood that several applicants for the place are being corresponded with.

The vestry will exercise extreme caution, because the rectorship is a life position.

CHRISTMAS TREES IN OAKLAND

MANY PROMINENT FAMILIES ARE ENJOYING THE HOLIDAYS.

The Christmas spirit is in the air, and in many Oakland homes preparations for a merry celebration have been made on a large scale even than usual. In several homes the Christmas tree is a time-honored custom, and the elders as well as the little folk anticipate for months before the joyous date of days when the great fairy-like tree will be disclosed in all its glittering beauty, says the Call under a date line of December 24.

Among those who have a tree every year are the Requas, the F. M. Smiths, the Knowleses, the Wheatons, the Tafts and the Hushes. Out at the Requa home this year General and Mrs. Long will be absent, but their two little daughters, Amy and Salie, will enjoy the big tree in company with their cousins, Amy, Alice and Lawrence Requa.

Dorothy Taft's tree with its beautiful burden is not to be disclosed until tomorrow's dawn. Christmas at Arbor Villa is very like an English Yuletide. The great open fireplace in the large hall always blazes with a cheery fire, and the tree this year will bear many beautiful gifts for Mrs. Smith. Did much of her Christmas shopping while in New York recently.

At the Knowleses', on Jackson street, the children and grandchildren, including little John and Mary Adams, Jesse and Joseph Knowles and Elizabeth Bliss, will gather about a great Christmas tree. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred von der Kopp, Bera and Harold, will also have a tree, and at the Gaskills', on Fifteenth street, Margery Waldron and baby Elizabeth Koser, the two grandchildren of the house are waiting anxiously for the season's tree.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred von der Kopp, Bera and Harold, will also have a tree, and at the Gaskills', on Fifteenth street, Margery Waldron and baby Elizabeth Koser, the two grandchildren of the house are waiting anxiously for the season's tree.

At the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Mehring they will celebrate their first Christmas in their new home in a rather more elaborate manner than usual. Tomorrow afternoon there will be a large dinner, when twenty or more guests will be seated at the table, and in the evening, after the tree has been despoiled of its fruit, a vaudeville and musical performance will be given by several younger members of the family and their friends. Among those who will be at the dinner besides the host and hostess and their little daughter Helen will be Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Leach, the Misses Curtis, Dr. Carl and Otto Curtis, Mrs. Anna Rodgers, Mrs. Belle Harrigan, Mrs. Lotta Tobler of New York and Edward Thompson of Irvington.

Mrs. and Mrs. Charles S. Melvin and Mrs. J. C. Tucker are also among those who will entertain old and young with Christmas trees.

The tree at the George H. Wheatons' is a yearly affair, and this year little Elizabeth Adams, Mrs. Wheaton's granddaughter, will have a tree of her own as well.

DATE FOR FUNERAL HAS NOT BEEN SET

It has not been decided when the funeral of the late Major Emory S. Foster, veteran of the Civil War and Secretary of the United States Board of Public Works, who died in this city Tuesday, will be held, but it will be under the auspices of the G. A. R., of which the deceased was a member.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL NOTES

AN ALAMEDA GIRL IS MARRIED IN AN EASTERN CITY.

Mrs. Margaret J. Wall of Santa Clara avenue and Lafayette street, Alameda, today gave out the news of the marriage of her daughter, Miss Margaret Wall, to George Lund of Boston. The wedding was solemnized in Tremont Temple, Boston, last week. The Rev. W. W. Everett officiating. The bride was attended by her brother, Carlton Wall, whom she was visiting in the East.

Mr. Lund is a wealthy manufacturer of silverware in Boston. He and Mrs. Lund accompanied by Carlton Wall are making a tour of the Southern States. They are expected to visit California in January and after spending part of the winter here will return to Boston, where their home will be.

WILL GIVE A DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Williamson entertained at dinner last Saturday evening, the table decorations being unique and attractive. A tiny Christmas tree occupied the place of honor on the table and from its brightly lighted branches ribbons extended to each place, carrying bonbons and favors. The candle shades and name cards were all in red and a spray of English holly was at each place.

Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John Clay Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Dullman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Watson, Miss Florence Stewart, Morton Tuft, Miss Flora McDermott and Richard Williamson.

LUNCHEON TODAY.

Mrs. Frank M. Wilson of Berkeley will entertain at luncheon today in honor of Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Langdon, who have been her guests for some time. Immediately after Christmas Mrs. Wilson and friends will leave for a visit to the southern part of the State.

A QUIET WEDDING.

The marriage of Miss Lulu Wedekind, youngest daughter of Judge and Mrs. Wedekind and David B. Green, a bright, young druggist of San Francisco, was celebrated last Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. W. Hollis at 3865 Piedmont avenue, Oakland. The groom was attended by Mr. Arthur White and the bride by her niece Carmella Hollis. The honeymoon will be spent in the southern part of the State.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schilling and Miss Elsa Schilling are home from Europe for the holidays.

Miss Pearl Clark left last Friday for New York to join her intended, George Lewthwaite. The wedding will take place soon after her arrival, at the home of the groom's mother.

Hon. Burdette Cornell took a trip to Placerville last Friday.

S. Ringold visited Vallejo last Thursday.

S. Livingstone has returned after a two-days' visit to Vallejo.

S. Balay Awher spent last Thursday and Friday in Vallejo.

Mrs. F. C. Bruce has returned from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Kennedy, at Santa Rosa.

William Kreiker has sold twelve acres of his farm at Rutherford to Julien Lavergne of Mayfield.

F. Cedley (removed to 1243 Broadway, opp. Postoffice) receives work daily at the latest Parisian Cleaning and Dyeing Works, cleaning a specialty. Telephone Main 175.

CLEAR TITLE FOR FIRE HOUSE.

KLINKNER ESTATE OFFERS THE CITY A SITE FOR THE BUILDING.

Now that the Klinkner estate has been settled up in the courts the City Council will go ahead and complete the interrupted work of providing a fire house and apparatus at Fifty-ninth and San Pablo avenue.

At present there is a house cart situated at that place, but it has long been intended to establish more complete fire fighting facilities in that district as soon as the clear title could be secured to a lot on the Klinkner estate.

The assistant City Attorney says that now the city can secure a clear right to the property needed. The property in question is on Fifty-ninth street just around the corner from the present fire house. It has a frontage of 50 feet and runs back 105 feet.

Fire Chief Ball, in speaking on the subject today, said that a magnificent fire house was to be built on the property and an engine and a combination ladder and chemical truck installed.

The City Council has been holding back the necessary funds until a clear title was proven, and this was done yesterday in the Superior court, when the money for the combination chemical and ladder truck has already been appropriated.

When the new fire house is erected and the apparatus in place it will afford the northern part of the town ample fire protection.

TRIBUNE IMPROVED BY NEW FORM

The Oakland TRIBUNE comes to this office in a much improved form. It is now a twelve-page paper.—San Luis Obispo Tribune.

YOUNG GIRL DIES AT BERKELEY HOME

BERKELEY, December 25.—Miss Gracie Bell, residing at 1848 Edith street, died last night from pneumonia. She had been sick only a short time. The deceased was eighteen years of age. She had lived in Berkeley less than a year.

COL. VAN ARMAN BETTER.

Colonel Van Arman, who has been very ill at his home on fourteenth street, is now convalescent. He is attended by Dr. D. D. Crowley.

CONDITION OF THE MONEY MARKET.

HENRY CLEWS GIVES SOME INTERESTING POINTS FOR INVESTORS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—The creation of the \$50,000,000 loan pool by many of the big New York banks has a decidedly beneficial effect. It was a very practical demonstration that powerful interests were agreed in protecting the market against an unnecessary crisis; that good and legitimate borrowers would secure such accommodation as they might need, and that no funds would be available for speculative purposes. What the emergency was, serious enough to call for such unusual action, is not revealed. It was probably general, and can no doubt be traced back to the large amount of money involved in various, somewhat inconvenient, but not to be wanted, for some time past it has been no secret that this was the weakest spot in the whole situation; and some of our ablest financiers have been sorely puzzled to know how the period of stress anticipated at this season of the year would be probably believed that all serious danger has been averted, and such, it is to be hoped, will prove to be the case. The mere assurance that \$50,000,000 will be available in case of crisis tends to remove apprehension and prevent such an emergency.

It is worthy of note that in spite of the heavy liquidation of the last three months the contraction of loans has been only \$50,000,000 since highwater mark in the middle of August. This is a comparatively small reduction, and is probably explained by the fact that American loans abroad have been freely canceled or shifted to New York. Foreign bankers have been somewhat distrustful of American methods of financing, and this has thrown us more upon our own resources.

As a result we ought to ship less gold in 1933 for settlements; so this enforced retrenchment has its advantages.

While time money is on a 6 per cent basis and good stocks on a 4 to 4 1/2 per cent basis, it is evident that the market is not in a panic. A bull market can be expected, in spite of the twenty to thirty points decline lately experienced. Either money rates or stocks must decline in order to equalize this difference, just which remains to be seen. There is much reason to believe that after such a sharp and unanticipated decline as that just noted a good re-action is due. Considering the activity and soundness of general business, any improvement in the monetary situation would certainly warrant a fair recovery.

Signs of a cessation in that activity, on the contrary, there is every evidence that, if merchandise prices could be made to decline somewhat in proportion to the drop in stocks, a new and safer business level would be reached on which plenty of new contracts could be placed with confidence. Present high prices are a serious obstruction to new enterprise. The effect of high prices has been strikingly illustrated in our foreign trade.

Exports, which showed a loss of \$115,000,000 in exports during the last eleven months and an increase of \$75,000,000 in imports. Much of this loss can be traced to the deficit of last year's corn crop and its effect upon other cereals and meats which form a large part of our exports; but higher prices for cotton and oil, also manufactured products, generally, stimulated imports and checked exports until our excess of exports for the eleven months of this year was only \$337,400,000, compared with \$527,900,000 the same time last year and \$571,800,000 the year before. So persistent and heavy a decline in our international trade balance is highly significant. There is a probability of a change for the better in this respect; for there is a good demand for corn for export this year, and the recent decline in wheat and corn are favorable to an outward movement of those staples.

The immediate outlook for the stock market is for a natural re-action after the recent very heavy decline in prices. Currency is beginning to return from the interior more freely and Treasury absorptions are diminishing, while lower prices for wheat and corn promise a better supply of export bills. To this extent the situation seems slightly better. The Venezuelan situation is a less disturbing factor; for there seems to be no misunderstanding between the United States and European powers about the acquisition of new territory—the vital point of the Monroe doctrine. Preparations for January disbursements will soon be completed, and a temporary money flurry would not be surprising. About the middle of next month, however, the monetary situation should show improvement, and if other developments continue favorable we will certainly have a good trading market. The general trend of the market for the present promises to be more confident on the buying side.

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NOT DUE TO CLIMATE.

Catarrh is Found Everywhere.

Catarrh is at home anywhere and everywhere. While more common in cold, changeable climates, it is by no means confined to them, but is prevalent in every State and Territory in the Union.

The common definition of catarrh is a chronic cold in the head, which if long neglected often destroys the sense of smell and hearing; but there are many other forms of the disease, even more obstinate and dangerous.

Catarrh of the throat and bronchial tubes as well as catarrh of the stomach and liver are almost as common as nasal catarrh and generally more difficult to cure.

Catarrh is undoubtedly a blood disease and can only be successfully eradicated by an internal remedy. Sprays, washes and douches are useless as far as reaching the real seat of the disease is concerned.

Dr. McVerney advises catarrh sufferers to use a new preparation, sold by druggists, called Stuart's Catarrh Tablets. These tablets analyze the cause, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through anti-septic qualities of the highest value, and being an internal remedy, pleasant to the taste, convenient and harmless, can be used as freely as required, as well for children as for adults.

An attorney and public speaker, who had been a catarrh sufferer for years, says: "Every fall I would catch a cold which would settle in my head and throat and hang on all winter long, and every winter it seemed to get a little worse. I was continually clearing my throat and my voice became affected to such an extent as to interfere with my public speaking.

"I tried troches and cheap cough cures and sometimes got relief, but only for a short time, until this winter, when I learned of the new catarrh cure, Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, through a newspaper advertisement. Two fifty cent boxes which I bought at my druggist's cleared my head and throat in fine shape, and to guard against a return of my old trouble I keep a box of the tablets on hand, and whenever I catch a little cold I take a tablet or two and ward off any serious developments."

Stuart's Catarrh Tablets deserves to head the list as a household remedy, to check and break up coughs and colds, because it cleanses the catarrh and cough cures these tablets contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug.

EXPECT CHARLEY SPEAR TO BE HARBOR COMMISSIONER

LAST FLASH IN THE PAN OF FIGHT MADE AGAINST SENATOR PERKINS—THE SPEAKERSHIP.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 25.—The politicians are all looking in their Christmas stockings and wondering what the gubernatorial Santa Claus has in store for them. The new Executive keep them guessing. He has been doing an amazingly lot of listening and mighty little talking since the election. He and his beard are keeping close counsel these days, and the "wise" ones have come to the conclusion that he is going to be a trifle hard to spell out.

The election of Jud. C. Brule of Sacramento as Secretary of the Railroad Commission has upset several very nice little plans, and started a lot of speculation. Sometime ago it was given out with the utmost confidence that Charley Spear had renounced his desire to be Harbor Commissioner, and would accept the Secretaryship of the Railroad Commission instead. This augured well for Paris Kilburn to succeed himself, and as nobody took the trouble to dispute the authenticity of the report, it came to be generally accepted that Kilburn would be responsible. Now it looks as if Kilburn's cake was dough, for Charley Spear still has his eye on the Harbor Commission, and it is known that Dr. Pardee is disposed to give him anything in reason. He owes a good deal to Spear, and political ethics demand that the obligation be recognized and requited. And it has long been Spear's ambition to be a Harbor Commissioner. It is not generally known that he came very close to being appointed four years ago, when Kilburn got a new lease of life.

A good many people are glad Jud Brule has landed all right. He is a bright fellow, and a good hearted chap with rather a good opinion of his own abilities. Two successive defeats for the Legislature in the Republican county of Sacramento took the starch out of him, however, and he has not been so cocky of late. The discipline has made him a better fellow, for he is all right at the bottom, and has made him much more popular than he was before. So, even those who helped to send him home are glad now that he has been given a good place, which he richly deserves on the score of party service. He will make a first-class Secretary.

It may also be remarked that Brule is a particular pet of Bank Commissioner J. B. Wright, formerly Superintendent of the Sacramento division of the Southern Pacific.

There is no doubt that a Senatorial caucus will be held as soon as the Legislature organizes. The call for a caucus has been generally signed, and by the time the Legislature assembles will have attached to it the names of considerably more than half the Republican members. Forty-eight signatures are required to call a caucus, and these are more than assured. Nevertheless the future effort

to defeat Senator Perkins by preventing a caucus and precipitating a go-as-you-please contest between Perkins and a field of dark horses, has not been abandoned. Martin Kelly and Dan Burns are still claiming they will organize the Assembly by inducing every man they can influence directly or indirectly to refrain from signing the caucus call. They are also drumming up alleged Senatorial candidates in various parts of the State to draw votes away from Perkins.

They are now trying to break into the Alameda delegation by suggesting the name of Congressman Metcalf. This is done without Metcalf's knowledge or consent, as everybody with an ounce of political sense knows, and only shows to what desperate straits the anything-to-beat Perkins crowd are reduced. It is generally recognized that Mr. Metcalf will make an ideal Senator, but it is certain by those who know him best that he will not allow his name to be used to divert support from Senator Perkins, especially the votes pledged to him in Alameda county.

Dunlap still declares his loyalty to Perkins and asserts that he is not opposed to a Senatorial caucus. But the fact remains that the enemies of Perkins and the opponents of a caucus are lined up behind him. Kelly and Burns insist that his election to the Speakership will be a setback for Perkins, yet Dunlap goes on soliciting support on the ground that he is for Perkins. You can guess the location of the "higger in the fence."

Despite the exhortations of the Los Angeles Times and the efforts of Jim Kelly, a considerable majority of the legislators elected South of Tehachapi have signed the caucus call. Several of those who declined to sign for the present say they will vote for Perkins when the time comes. However, the anti-Perkins push count every man who has not signed the call as being opposed to the Senator. They know better, but even admitting what they say to be true Perkins has got a cinch.

A caucus is certain to be held and Perkins is certain to be nominated. Then Perkins can count his title clear to reelection, for he has more than the necessary sixty-one votes pledged to him. Unless a considerable number should deliberately violate their pledges and instructions he cannot be defeated. Besides there is no man on whom the opposition can unite.

Perkins will be elected beyond question, and the logic of the situation is that Flak will be elected Speaker, though the race track war promises to cut in and complicate matters. There are some who believe that the fight on Perkins is kept up to mask a legislative scheme, in which the organization of the Assembly is an important factor. We shall see in a few days.

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WOMAN FINDS HER CHILD.

MRS. PARISH WITHDRAWS CHARGE OF KIDNAPING AGAINST HUSBAND.

Mrs. T. A. Parish, who caused the arrest of her husband yesterday, on a charge of drunkenness, and later alleged that he had kidnaped their little child, appeared at the City Prison last night and withdrew the charges of kidnaping, as she had recovered the child.

At the woman's request her husband is being detained at the City Prison until he becomes sober.

Parish is a foreman for the Oakland Transit Company.

struction of the first four miles of the Richmond Belt Railroad around San Pablo Point. The contractors are E. B. and A. L. Stone. The road will be twelve miles long, running around the point to give access to the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe lines for the benefit of manufacturing plants which will locate at the point. Three wharves, one at each end of Point San Pablo and the other at Point Molate, will soon be constructed. The work is to be done for the East Shore Company, a subsidiary Standard Oil Company corporation.

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Mutton Chop	Per lb. 10c
Roast Beef	Per lb. 8c
Prime Rib Beef	Per lb. 12-12c
Tenderloin Steak	Per lb. 12-12c
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WOMEN OF ALAMEDA DO GOOD CHRISTMAS WORK.

THEY SEE THAT MANY POOR FAMILIES
HAVE A DINNER—NOTES OF INTEREST
FROM THE ENCINAL.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—The hearts of many Alameda people were made glad today through the work of the Women's Charitable Association.

For the past two weeks the members of that organization have been collecting eatables and presents for the needy poor of Alameda, and succeeded so well in their work that nearly one hundred families were given a Christmas dinner.

Many clothes and toys were also distributed where they will do the most good. The ladies of the association are highly pleased over the success of their efforts this Christmas and wish to thank all who so kindly contributed to the good work.

ADELPHIAN CLUB MEETS IN ALAMEDA.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—On Tuesday morning of this week the English Literature Section of the Adelpian Club met, which was the last meeting of the club until tomorrow, when various other sections will meet. Oriental rugs will be discussed by the Decorative Art Section.

FOUR GENERATIONS BOEHMER HOME TODAY.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Boehmer celebrated Christmas at their home on Central avenue in old German style with an immense Christmas tree and a gathering of relatives from Stockton and other cities. Four generations of the Boehmer family participated in the festivities and the party included twenty-four relatives.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT LUTHERAN CHRIST CHURCH.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—This evening the Christmas exercises will be held at the Lutheran Christ Church, Haight avenue, near Webster street. The exercises will include a Christmas tree, an interesting program of appropriate musical numbers and Santa Claus. Elaborate decorations have been arranged in the church and the affair will undoubtedly be a success.

GRADUATING CLASS GIVES BALL IN ALAMEDA.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—The graduation ball given by the senior class of December 22 of the Alameda High School at Arroyo Hall on Tuesday evening was a success. The hall was artistically decorated for the occasion with palms, bamboo, smilax and the class colors. The patronesses were Mrs. J. M. Taylor, Mrs. G. E. Taylor, Mrs. J. M. Perkins and Miss Alice Weymouth.

CONGREGATIONALISTS MAY BUILD A NEW CHURCH.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—Things are

HEALTH OF THE SUGGESTSSYSTEM PEOPLE OF PARKS

WORK DONE BY HEALTH BOARD
TO PREVENT SPREAD OF
CONTAGION.

Secretary Dan Doodly of the Board of Health has been looking over the books of the Health Department for several days past and has collated a number of facts which will be of interest to people who like to be informed as to the departmental statistics of this city. His observation has extended from the 1st of January of this year up to the 1st of the present month.

He shows that, during that period, there were buried in Mountain View Cemetery 771 people. In St. Mary's Cemetery 355 and in other cities 145. From other cities, also, there were received the remains of 51 people.

The number of cremations of the dead was 130. Of this number 64 died in Oakland and 66 were sent here from outside cities.

This is excellent proof that the local crematory is attracting the attention and enjoying the patronage which had been anticipated for it.

During the period mentioned there were recorded 521 births. Of this number 489 were those of male children, 441 those of female.

With respect to parentage, 525 were American, 209 foreign and 181 mixed. There were 381 whites, 21 colored, 8 Japanese and 1 Chinese.

Way of preventing the spreading of disease 541 places were disinfectant and 1,454 rooms were given the same treatment. The total number of premises inspected was 1,026, re-inspected 551, nuisance abated 675, complaints without cause 100, plumbing plans received 469. These inspections were classified as follows: Hall 1, churches 2, dwellings 318, stores 14, additions 64, new work in old buildings 72, factories 3, flats 177, first inspections 654, final inspections 566, feet of ironstone pipe inspected 47,144, cast-iron pipe inspected 3,436 feet, trap settings inspected 507, sewer inspections 980, bakeries inspected 100, Chinatown inspections 19.

By way of preventing the sale of deleterious food products and the spread of disease among animals there were 86 inspections of the free market, of other markets and stores 140, packages of fruit condemned 264, fowls condemned 18, fruit peddlers' wagons examined 161, milk tasters for butter fat 135, dairies inspected 171, cows inspected 4,194, cows condemned 24, horses examined for glanders 77, horses condemned for glanders 19, horses examined and treated for the Fire Department 153.

moving at the First Congregational Church, and many plans are being perfected to keep pace with the growth of the city. It is stated that the new church is no longer a myth, but a determined project approaching consummation. Competition is already on among the architects and plans may be voted upon within a few days. Alameda needs some new up-to-date church buildings that are in keeping with the place, and the Congregationalists are to be congratulated on their prompt and local firm made a bid for the old building, which will probably be accepted. The fine heavy flag-pole that graces the corner, waits for some club or public building or school, which will cover the whole lot. Let the good work go on.

FIXTURES FOR LIBRARY TO COST A LARGE SUM.

ALAMEDA, December 25.—The Board of Free Library Trustees met recently to discuss the electric light and gas fixtures for the new library building. From the designs that had been submitted by the architect it was found that the fixtures would cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000. Figures on them were received from a number of San Francisco dealers, and they were all for the amount stated. The matter of placing an order will be put over until a future meeting.

NOTES AND PERSONALS FROM ACROSS THE ESTUARY.

ALAMEDA, Dec. 25.—George Heilmann is home from Wrights to spend the holidays.

Rev. Ross Taylor of New York arrived here recently to visit relatives during the holidays. He will return to New York after spending a week in California.

Superintendent G. A. Wiese of the electric light department is now from his home on Regent street, after being seriously ill with septicaemia ensuing from the bite of a cat on his hand.

Senator E. K. Taylor is at the Alameda sanitarium, recovering from a bad attack of the grip.

Ralph McCormick has arrived from the mines in Tuolumne county to spend Christmas with his relatives here.

Miss Birdie Cavill of Modesto is spending the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. Russell, of 100 Broadway.

Mrs. S. Hasset, with Mrs. F. Haight and Sidney Hasset, are at Hotel del Coronado to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bissell, with their sons, Will and Dan Bissell and Miss Miriam Leal, left on Sunday for a trip to Mexico.

The degree of B. L. has been conferred upon Kate Brown Foster of this city in the College of Social Sciences at the University of California.

Mrs. L. Wood of the City of Mexico has arrived here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, of Railroad avenue.

W. L. Temple, organizer of the Woodmen of the World, who was killed in the railroad disaster at Byron, was a member of Alameda Lodge, No. 1852, Royal Arcanum.

CITY ENGINEER TURNER WANTS BOULEVARD ALONG CEMETERY CREEK.

There is considerable speculation as to whether the City Council will incorporate in its call for a bond election, the proposition to create a system of parks from the boulevard, around Piedmont, to the Sather tract. The advisory committee did not recommend this, as, in the opinion of the members, it would require too great an outlay, but it is possible that the Council may take it up.

The proposed speedway is the pet scheme of City Engineer Turner, whose idea is for the city to acquire the property along Cemetery creek and convert it into a boulevard.

"My idea is to acquire a strip, 250 feet wide, along Cemetery creek," said Mr. Turner today. "I did not think of improving it at once, but I would set out a natural road from the boulevard, or, rather, from the power house to Pleasant Valley avenue. That would give you a beautiful valley, or canyon, drive, to the Piedmont drive, which is the most beautiful drive in the country. In Piedmont the drive is over the hills, and from it you have the finest view in California. From Piedmont you have another valley drive to the Sather tract, which the city intends converting into a park, and from there you have a road road to the boulevard on the east side of the lake. In my opinion this system of parks would make the best and pleasantest drive in the State."

The proposed extension of the boulevard is in line with my suggestion. It is proposed to extend the boulevard from where it now ends to Adams Point, and to build a boulevard from the Piedmont power house in a direct line to Twentieth street. This latter piece of work will furnish a main thoroughfare to the residents of all that portion of Oakland east of Oakland avenue, and west of Lake Shore avenue, which means practically all of the Piedmont and Adams Point districts.

WILL SPEND DAY IN THE CITY PRISON

"Fritz" Viers, often in trouble with the police, has again been taken into custody. This time he is accused of battery by W. J. Clark. Viers is the man who some time ago married a wealthy widow.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Mayor Low has signed the tunnel franchise for the New York and New Jersey Company authorizing the commencement of work on the New York side at once.

JUDGE SMITH AS SANTA CLAUS CALLS AT THE POLICE STATION AND HANDS OUT A FEW PRESENTS.

Police Judge Smith appeared at the City Prison this morning in the guise of Santa Claus and gave a half-dozen presents to the inmates.

The men were taken into custody last night on charges of drunkenness, and when they lined up before his honor in the temporary court in the corridor of the police station, each took a solemn vow that he would not drink a drop of liquor until after New Year's. Those who had judgment suspended were: William McElvinn, W. F. Anderson, James Wilson, James Adams, W. F. Davis and Pat Maloney.

HEAVYWEIGHTS WOULD WRESTLE IN OAKLAND

George T. Holland of San Francisco called upon the Chief of Police today and stated that he would endeavor to secure a license to bring off a wrestling match in Oakland. According to his statement, he has matched "Kid" Mullin and "Big Tom," South San Francisco heavyweights, to wrestle, catch-as-catch-can, for the best three falls in five. As he desires to sell liquor during the contest, he was advised that he would be required to take out a liquor license in connection with his license to conduct an amusement.

BRICKER LANDS BUNCO-MAN

INSPECTOR'S CLEVER CAPTURE OF
EWING AFTER CHASE OF
MONTHS.

Postal Inspector Bricker of Berkeley, has just been credited with a clever catch of a bunco-man and confidence-operator for whom he has been searching for the past seventeen months. The capture was made in Chicago, and the prisoner is a man named William Ewing, who has been using the mails for illegal purposes and with so much success that his victims have lost a total of not less than \$15,000. Many of these unfortunate reside in San Francisco. The length of time required to bring Ewing to justice, does not show that the criminal had eluded the inspector. On the contrary, Ewing's whereabouts, which has varied with remarkable frequency has been known to the officer for six months. The part of the time has been passed by the culprit in a country where the offense with which he was charged is not an extraditable one.

Ewing established himself in San Francisco, hiring capacious apartments in the Parrott Building, San Francisco, and furnishing them in most luxurious manner. He had a corps of clerks and attendants all of whom, innocently, aided him in carrying out a bunco scheme which he styled the Standard Oil Promotion and Investment Company.

Ewing professed to have had a long experience in the oil business and, through circulars sent to his victims, promised to invest capital entrusted to him in such a manner as to pay as high a rate of interest as 10 per cent. He contacted the business for six months and even paid interest on money confided to him, but the interest was taken from money advanced to him by others to whom the time to pay had not yet arrived. He secured an amount of money in this fraudulent manner and then skipped. His disappearance was unknown until several days had elapsed during which time, the clerks who were unpaid, tried to satisfy the demands of the investors that the great so-called oil investor would return. But the return never took place, and the furniture of the headquarters was attached and sold. Authorities took up the case and set their detectives at work. The fugitive was traced to Arizona, then back to Kansas City, where he remained a short while before coming to West Denver. There he was employed for a few weeks by a novelty company. Next he jumped to New Orleans, and then to the Federal Territory of the United States of Colombia. The laws of that country prevented the extradition of Ewing for the offense with which he was charged. Ewing remained in the territory for several months, but finally, feeling no fear of capture, he came to New Orleans on one of the boats of the United Fruit Company. Just recently he has been located in Chicago, and a copy of the Grand Jury indictment, procured here, was hurried on to the United States Attorney in that city resulting yesterday in the arrest as mentioned.

"There is the lady that sells perfume and the man that disposes of the stick-tight paste, the cripplies that frequent the entrances of dry goods stores and many others that support themselves by some freak of nature. "We can't afford to support them all and some will have to go."

CLERK FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—Daniel N. Hanna, a clerk, was found dead in his room this morning, death being caused by gas which escaped from an open burner. There is some doubt as to whether his death was the result of an accident or whether it was the result of his own suicidal act. Decayed was 23 years of age and leaves a widow and an infant son.

BROKER DIES AT SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 25.—John B. Boyd, searcher of records and a former well-to-do broker, died last night after a very brief illness from heart trouble. Mr. Boyd was a native of Pennsylvania, 51 years of age, and has been a resident of San Diego for twenty-five years.

SHE DIED ON THE WAY TO CHURCH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 25.—While walking to early church service this morning Mrs. Julia Sweetman was stricken by death. Heart disease, it is believed, was the cause of death.

PACKAGES DO NOT LIKE THE REPORT.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES DO
SPLENDID WORK WITH HEAVY
MAILS.

Never in the history of the local post-office has there been such a holiday rush of business as there has this Christmas. Postmaster T. T. Dargie, a month ago, began to devise ways and means of disposing of the mail matter, and but for his foresight he would have been unable to avoid a congestion. For several days the force, with the addition of all the substitutes, has been taxed to its utmost, and today it has been one continual rush of business.

The first overload arrived at 4:30 o'clock this morning and since then the force has been at work.

Wagon load after wagon load of letters, papers and presents have arrived at the office and have been distributed.

"Most of the carriers have been out with wagons delivering mail all day," said Postmaster Dargie today. "There will only be one delivery, but that will take the force all day long to do. There are forty-two carriers, and nine substitutes at work. This Christmas is a record-breaker in regard to the amount of mail received."

During this holiday season more than 550 pieces of registered mail have been handled daily and the sale of stamps for the month will amount to \$14,000.

The mails are handled as fast as they arrive.

Both the money order business and the sale of stamps has increased in both incoming and outgoing mails in proportion to the increase of the population of the city, and this has again demonstrated the fact that the number of carriers allotted to the office is inadequate to the demands. Mr. Dargie stated that every mail that comes in today will be handled before night, except that of the late overload.

The custom that the public has in addressing holiday mail is so troublesome to the clerks. Some packages are addressed wrong, others are mailed without stamps and still others are illegibly addressed. Frequently packages are mailed without the proper amount of postage, and the bearing the proper address and postage cause a bundle in the mail rooms is incomprehensible to those who have not witnessed the scene.

"Dear Lord," was the address in a child's hand on a package received today, and when the clerk opened the letters were addressed to "Santa Claus." One bore the address "Ole Santay," and another, "The Almighty."

"Of course, it is a hardship to work on Christmas day," said an old carrier, "but when you think of the innumerable hearts that are made glad by our work, we do not begrudge our services."

Postmaster Dargie has done everything in his power to make our work pleasant, and while the mail is heavier than at any other time, he has never seen it, he has arranged our work so that it is lighter than ever. We are working with a will, and I think the public will appreciate our efforts."

Strange to say, notwithstanding the increase of mail being received, complaints have been fewer this year than for many years past.

STREET FAKERS MUST GO

POLICE SAY THAT THE LAME, HALT
AND BLIND MUST
TRAVEL.

Oakland is overrun by a big band of healthy street fakirs, who have been attracted here by the holidays. Chief of Police Hodgkins has to deal with all kinds and brands, the lame, the halt and the blind and those that are not.

"Just listen to that," said one of the police officials this morning as the strains of a graphophone wafted into the City Jail from a machine held by an individual with an lost my sight in the mines" sign on his hat.

"Wouldn't that drive a billy goat from his feed?" continued the official. "But we are going to run every one of them out of town, or at least make it so interesting that they will want to seek other pastures. We are not so particular about the harmony of the fakirs, but it is the class of healthy beggars that we want."

"Why, I understand that there are a certain class of young men in this town that during the daytime have fairly good positions, but under the cover of darkness slip on some old clothes and then agree to peddle goods for financial aid. Of course, they do not travel around in a bunch, but separate and then meet later and divide the results of their polite hold-ups."

"We have been unable to get a line on them as yet, but when we do we will make it pretty intolerable for them."

"There is the lady that sells perfume and the man that disposes of the stick-tight paste, the cripplies that frequent the entrances of dry goods stores and many others that support themselves by some freak of nature. "We can't afford to support them all and some will have to go."

NEW SHIP SERVICE.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 25.—According to the Echo de la Frontera, published at Ensenada, Lower California, the Mexican secretary of communications and public works has given authority for the establishment of a new ship service between the ports of Guaymas, Topolobampo, La Paz and San Jose del Cabo and the ports of the United States situated on the Pacific ocean.

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Dec. 25.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad Hotel has been totally destroyed by fire which is supposed to have originated from a defective flue. Dr. B. Cutter, the physician in charge and his assistants worked heroically in getting out the twenty odd patients, but little furniture or anything else about the buildings was saved. One of the patients, whose name was not learned, died from exposure to the night.

The railway company had just completed an addition costing \$5,000 to the main building, and this addition had been occupied only a month. The total loss will amount to about \$15,000. The hospital was the largest one on the Coast line of the Santa Fe Company.

REPORT.

MUCH COMMENT ABOUT THE FIRE
PROTECTION AT THE UNIVERSITY.

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—The report of Fire Chief James Kenney, criticizing the lack of fire protection on the college campus, is creating much comment in the University community. Kenney, at the request of the Town Board of Trustees, made an inspection of the buildings and reported that many of them were unsafe, and that none of them were properly provided with fire apparatus. North Hall in particular was spoken of as a regular death trap.

The report of Chief Kenney was not kindly received by the University authorities. They claim that the college buildings are properly protected. A fire company, consisting of the janitors and various employees about the grounds, is drilled to act as firemen in case of a conflagration. They have been called upon three times in as many months and have rendered efficient service. The fire apparatus is inspected regularly and if not in good order is repaired. The fire company and the work of inspecting the apparatus is under the supervision of the superintendent of the grounds.

When this is considered the University authorities claim that the report of Mr. Kenney was uncalled for. They do not favor asking the Legislature for an appropriation with which to buy fire apparatus. They do favor, however, having insurance placed on the University buildings.

Chief Kenney claims that the University people have no ground for blaming him. He was asked to make an investigation and to report to the Trustees. There is no part of the report that can not be substantiated by facts.

EIGHT HOUR SYSTEM WILL DROP MANY STUDENTS.

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—The instructors at the University of California are handing in their reports of the recent examinations to Recorder James Sutton. From the nature of the reports it is evident that an unusual number of freshmen will be sent out this term. Most of these will go to the members of the Freshman class.

Now that it requires eight hours (instead of five) of completed college work to remain at the University, a number of Freshmen will have to leave college. At the end of every winter term many of the baby-classes find that they have not done sufficient work to remain in the University. This was when it only required five hours. Under the new eight hour system a lot more will have to go.

The upper classmen, too, are not all safe. Several prominent football men are on the doubtful list. Two of the best players in this year's Varsity are said to have very few units to spare. The work on the gridiron has interfered with their studies until their status is very questionable. On these two men one talked over the examination without even trying to pass it, and in several other examinations he did not do much better.

The reports will be out by the first of the term. It is thought that over a hundred students will be dropped from the rolls.

CANNON TO GIVE PLACE TO NEW STAND

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—Where the old cannon now stands on Shattuck avenue and Center street in Berkeley, is soon to be erected a bandstand. Mr. Canney has been instructed, at his own request, by the Town Board, to collect subscriptions for the structure. He will make a canvass among the business men of the town, and hopes soon to have the required amount.

Comments will be given by one of the brass bands of Berkeley every Saturday night.

WANTS ELECTRIC LIGHT IN FREIGHT YARDS

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—The people living on Stanford Place, near University avenue in Berkeley, want an electric light put by the Southern Pacific freight depot at that place. There are always some empty freight cars standing there, which are a convenient hiding place for tramps. As the yards are in the very center of the business portion of town, this condition of things is very objectionable.

Mrs. Dr. Payne, wife of Berkeley's Health Officer, has petitioned the Board of Trustees to have a light put in the yards. Her house stands directly opposite the yards, and she considers them a menace at night, on account of their total darkness.

Just her communication to the board, Mrs. Payne calls attention to the fact that several hold-ups have taken place at that point in the past year, and she strongly urges the board to take immediate action. Mrs. Payne's request will doubtless be granted.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Twelve-year-old Rudolph Romse is dead, at Hampton, says a dispatch to the Herald from Middletown, New York, through a companion's plank.

Young Romse was coming down a hill, when John Houston, a schoolmate of his own age, seized him by the leg with the intention of rolling him off the sled and sending him clunder in the snow. As young Houston seized Romse's leg, the sled was swerved from its course, crashing into a corner of the schoolhouse and hurling Romse against the building so violently as to cause internal hemorrhage and death.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Not for a long time there has been so light a Christmas mail as there is this season. Last year the two days before Christmas found the Postoffice clerks swamped by outgoing and incoming mail. No extra force has had to be put on since the first of the month when extra men are always hired. Why there is comparatively so little mail this year is something of a puzzle to the Postoffice officials for people are evidently buying just as much as usual, if not more, and are probably giving as many presents as in preceding years.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A commission as First Lieutenant of the Twelfth Regiment, National Guard, signed by Governor Odell, has been received for Cornelius Vanderbilt by Colonel George R. Dyer from Albany. Mr. Vanderbilt only two days before he was taken ill passed an exceptionally high examination before the Brigadier General for the position, to which he had been elected from the grade of Second Lieutenant some weeks previous.

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SAYS HE WILL CONTINUE CONTEST
TILL ALL HOPE IS
LOST.

CHIEF BALL IS CARRYING ON EXPERIMENTS AND FINDS IT
CHEAPER.

Although Sheriff Oscar L. Rogers has lost 47 votes in the recount against Sheriff-elect John N. Bishop, he has not yet given up the fight. It is the privilege of either side to quit whenever that side decides that the contest is hopeless, and it has been rumored that Rogers was about to give up the ship, but he said today:

"I shall continue the recount for at least ten days more. As the recount now stands, I have lost 931 votes and Bishop has lost 884. About 2,500 votes have been thrown out."

"My official count was 4,360 and Bishop's 4,352. In the recount I have 3,429 and Bishop 3,408. My principal losses have been in Alameda. I shall now recount the remaining precincts in Alameda and shall then recount the Fourth and Sixth Wards, where Bishop had so many votes. I don't care about the other wards. If after we have counted Alameda and the Fourth and Sixth Wards I should be behind, I think the contest will be called off. I am not discouraged, even if things seem against me, and I shall continue the contest until I think I am beaten."

How to Prevent Croup.
It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. This is soon followed by a peculiar rough cough. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. In this way all danger and anxiety may be avoided. This remedy is used by many thousands of mothers and has never been known to fail. It is, in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Osgood Bros., Seventh and Broadway.

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BROOKS—In this city, December 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Brooks, a daughter.

MARRIED.
MAGGOLI-SMITH—In Oakland, December 23, by Rev. E. R. Dille, Frank Maggoli and Alice Smith, both of Hayward.

DIED.
KOENECKE—In this city, December 24, 1922, Margaretta, beloved wife of Henry Koenecke, a native of Germany, aged 64 years, 11 months and 9 days. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services Saturday at 10 a. m. at her late residence, 1027 San Pablo avenue. Cremation at Oakland crematorium.

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SHOP NEWS FROM WEST OAKLAND

ITEMS THAT WILL INTEREST THE

SOUTHERN PACIFIC EM- PLOYEES.

At the present time the Southern Pacific Company are experiencing the highest tides at the West Oakland ship yards ever known in the history of the company. The men who have been employed at the ship yards for years say that never since they have been there have the tides been so high. The tides rise to nearly seven feet at the present time, whereas in the past seasons the highest record has been two inches over six feet.

The present month and the month of July are the periods in the year when the tides rise the highest. The tides the past few days have been record breakers and the ship men are at a loss to know to what to attribute it.

FOUND NECESSARY TO MOVE THE LARGE ICE PLANT.

The space occupied by the ice plant at the yards was required for some other use and it became necessary to move the plant. This has been accomplished and now the plant is nearer to the round-house.

CHANGES BEING MADE ON NEW PILE DRIVER.

The pile driver that was recently constructed at the ship yards to work on the new Alameda ferry slip, has been brought to the ship yard wharf. While here, a new hoisting engine recently arrived from the East will be put in position. Since leaving the ship yard wharf the frame work and barge part of the pile driver has been painted a "Southern Pacific" red.

VERY BUSY TIMES IN BACK SHOPS.

This is a very busy time in the back shops where the engines are sent for important repairs. The several recent wrecks have caused a number of locomotives to be sent to the hospital and consequently the work in the back shop are exceedingly busy.

The engines that participated in the head-on collision at East Oakland arrived at the shops yesterday and will remain there several weeks for repairs.

THEATRICAL CAR READY FOR COMMISSION.

After weeks of labor, the car shops at West Oakland turned out a private car for a theatrical company at present playing in San Francisco. The car has been made from an old circus car that has been in disuse for some time. It has been completely remodeled and has been painted a bright yellow with green trimmings. The car has been christened Catherine.

RAILROAD TRACK WALKER BREAKS HIS FINGER.

As the result of a fall, Chris Olsen, a track walker, living at 967 Seventh street, broke one of his fingers yesterday. He was given medical treatment at the Receiving Hospital.

PERSONAL MENTION OF THE RAILROAD MEN.

H. C. Enos of the material gang is taking a lay off during the holidays. Dan Martin is sick and will be unable to go to Mojave today, as was his intentions.

Forman Sheldon of the carpenter department is reported on the sick list. Lloyd Ivery went to Ramona today for a visit with friends.

Niles Seale Jr. has gone to Los Banos to superintend the repairing of the gasoline engine that runs the oil pump at that place.

Popular Jack Muir went to Duns-muir to enjoy a Christmas dinner.

Robert Kennedy and George Adams went to Sacramento for a few days to visit the railroad shops there.

Tom Morris, the stationary engineer, has taken a lay-off. His place is being filled by W. Bouldin.

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GREEN AND RED. Grove street to Berkeley.

WHITE AND RED. Haywards and San Leandro via East 13th and 12th streets.

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SIXTEENTH STREET STATION

Leave. From March 30, 1902. Arrive.

7:24 a. Vacaville, Winters, Ramsey, 6:13 p.
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8:04 a. Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez and San Ramon. 5:45 p.
8:37 a. Davis, Woodland, Knights Land- 7:15 p.
ing, Colusa, Oroville, 7:15 p.
8:37 a. Atlantic Express, Ogden and 7:15 p.
East

9:08 a. Shasta, Red Bluff, Portland, 7:15 p.
9:30 a. Crescent City Express, Martinez, 7:15 p.
Fresno, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles

9:30 a. Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez and San Ramon. 7:44 a.
10:01 a. Vallejo, Martinez and way sta- 7:08 p.
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10:36 a. The Overland Limited, Ogden, 4:40 p.
Omaha, Chicago

4:34 p. Vallejo, Napa, Calistoga, Santa Rosa, Martinez and San Ramon. 8:44 a.
8:38 p. Benicia, Winters, Ramsey, Woodland, Knights Land- 10:04 a.
ing, Colusa, Oroville, 10:04 a.
5:25 p. Port Costa, Tracy, Lathrop, 8:45 a.
Stockton

5:05 p. The Overland Limited, Fresno, Los Angeles, 8:14 a.
5:43 p. Martinez, Fresno, 11:44 a.
5:38 p. Oriental Mail-Ogden, Cheyenne, 8:08 a.
Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, 8:08 a.
Chicago

5:38 p. Oregon and California Express, Sacramento, Martinez, Redding, Portland, Puget Sound, 10:44 a.
7:38 p. San Pablo, Port Costa, Martinez, 7:08 a.
7:38 p. Vallejo

NILES ROUTE
First Street, Near Broadway

8:37 a. Niles, Lathrop, Stockton, 6:08 p.
8:37 a. Niles, Mendota, Hanford, 6:08 p.
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train arrives Sixteenth street depot

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NEW FORMS FOR INVITATIONS.

Dame Fashion decrees a decided departure in the phrasing of her formal invitations this season, which seems to be chiefly the abundant use of small words. Everything that can be written, numerals included, is written in full. Propositions play a conspicuous part and change the old forms completely.

Take, for instance, "at home" cards. Literally speaking, they should now be called "will be at home" cards, for so, this season, they are written, thus changing it more ways than one. The old form read:

At home.
Mrs. Blank
Wednesday, December third,
from four to six.
4000 Fifth Avenue.

The new form is far more elaborate:

Mrs. Blank
will be at home
on the afternoon of Saturday, the twelfth of December,
from four until seven o'clock,
at Six Thousand Fifth Avenue.

In the matter of debutante cards there also is a change. Last season they read:

Mrs. Blank
and
Miss Blank
at home, &c.

But now the conjunction "and," instead of being given a separate line, precedes the prefix Miss on the same line.

Mrs. Blank
and Miss Blank
will be at home, &c.

If a family where the debutante is a younger daughter her name follows that of her older sister on the card, and is written in full, the form being:

Mrs. Blank,
Miss Blank
and Miss Elsie May Blank
will be at home, &c.

Cards five and a half by three and a half inches are used for every form of afternoon invitations, and sometimes for evening, though engraved notes are smarter for evening functions. There is a form of card which persons who entertain extensively find exceedingly useful. It is engraved like this:

requests the pleasure of
company at a
on the evening of
at
R. S. V. P.
Six thousand Fifth Avenue.

The blank spaces are to be filled in in writing with the name of the hostess, her guest, the form of her entertainment, the day and the hour. Such cards can be used for dinners, theatricals, card parties, receptions, and, indeed, for any purpose.

Another change is in the form of the card "to meet" persons whom the hostess is especially entertaining. This used to read:

Mrs. Blank
requests the pleasure of your company
to meet
Mr. and Mrs. Jones, &c.

Now the guests singled out for distinction are given the place of honor on the card, and the form is far more elegant:

To guest
Mr. and Mrs. Jones
requests the pleasure of
company at a

Cards of invitation and notes of invitation are not to be confounded. According to the season's fancy, the cards are distinctly for afternoon use, and the names of the women of the family only appear on them. The address, written in full, is a part of the form of the invitation, flashing out the last line and never detached from it, and put in the right hand corner, as was the old way. The only exception to this is that card already described, so much of which is left blank for general invitations of a less formal character. On that the address appears in the right hand corner, while the letters R. S. V. P. occupy the left corner.

Engraved notes, which are of the size of wedding invitations, have their own form. They are for evening use, and etiquette demands that the name of the man of the family appear with his wife's on them. For formal functions they are engraved in full, but persons who entertain constantly find it convenient to have on hand a partially engraved form which can be filled in to suit the occasion. When there is a debutante daughter whose season is to be made gay her mother orders a supply of notes engraved like this:

requests the pleasure of
company at a
to be given in honor of their daughter
on the evening of
at
R. S. V. P.
Six thousand Fifth Avenue.

This may be for a dinner or a cotillon, to be given at home or in a fashionable hotel ballroom. Whoever it is to take place the reply of the guest is desired at the house of the hostess, whose address, on notes, is engraved under the letters R. S. V. P. In the left-hand corner, "It is coming into vogue to substitute for the French abbreviation the English phrase, "The favor of an answer is requested."

Reception invitations frequently bear the word "Dancing" in the left-hand corner. When there are young persons in the family and the social list is a large one, to avoid too great a crush the clever device is now being resorted to of using two forms for the same reception. To the older generation merely the reception invitation is sent, but the younger receive those on which the magic word "Dancing" appears, and they are expected to arrive to trip the light fantastic toe just as the reception guests are departing.

The form of wedding invitations follows the others closely. It is a sine qua non that the name of the guest shall be written in the blank space left for it, not only on the invitation, but on the reception and church cards as well. The word "presence" is used for church invitations and "company" for the reception. For instance:

Mr. and Mrs. Blank
request the honor of the presence of
at the marriage of their daughter, &c.
but for a reception the note reads:

Mr. and Mrs. Blank
request the pleasure of
company at the marriage reception of
their daughter, &c.

A new form has been evolved in London

INDIVIDUALITY THE KEY NOTE OF THE NEW PARIS HAT.

Picture Hats No Longer Are Exaggerated In Size.

Such a number of hats are required in a fashionable outfit today it is scarcely surprising that there are so many different styles coming out all the time. Time was when, by the middle of December, it was expected that the question of the winter hat would be settled, but now it is apparent that the possible to wear the winter hat for only a short time, and there must be a different one for each and every gown. To appear in one hat for any length of time is a most unfashionable thing to do. At the prices asked for the smart hats of this season it would not seem possible to have many, but price apparently is no barrier, when anything is fashionable, and the modern hat is, from the beauty of its materials, its coloring and its shape, almost a work of art.

There is, however, a decided attempt being made to modify the large hat that has had so successful a reign. This is not by any means saying that the large hat is out of fashion. For large hats are quite in style and are worn morning, afternoon and evening and by young and old, but all the latest styles show a decided modification of any exaggeration and there are more small hats to be seen than has been the case for many a long day. The picture hat is still picturesque, but not conspicuously so. The left brim is turned up far enough to show the hair and also the trimming beneath the brim; but in order to be fashionable it does not require to be placed at right angles to the head. The crowns are larger, but not so large as to only enough to give the effect of there really being a crown to the hat, and the hat itself consequently does not appear to be perched in ludicrous effect upon the top of the head.

The hair being arranged low and brought down over the forehead, as well as at the back of the head, requires a different style of hat than when it was arranged high. Turbans and turbans have wide brims, fit close to the head at the back, are pushed forward, but not down over the forehead, and ward, but not down over the forehead, and

ward, but not down over the forehead, and fringe or fur, and for the moment the fur hat is the most fashionable of all, the fur being the best of the season. The shape, with aigrette or bow of ribbon directly in front, to give a more becoming line to the profile, for the hats now are always chosen with due reference to the profile. Fur against the face is almost invariably becoming, and now that soft velvet is used these hats are more than usually popular. They are charming made of sable, and are effective also in squirrel or black fox. Made in ermine they are not always so becoming, and the cheaper white coney fur, which looks curiously like rabbit skin, relieved with Persian lamb or sable, is more becoming.

The fuzzy black beaver felts are fashionable, but they have been so popular that now are to be seen the plain beaver again with the stiff lines softened by a twist of velvet around the crown, a blinding of velvet around the brim or a knot of velvet inside of the brim at the left side. A curious old-fashioned trimming is revived also—box pleated or quilted satin ribbon and quilted rosettes, with flat jet buckle or velvet button in the center. The stiff hats also have been especially popular, trimmed with flowers, a wreath of roses around the crown, pink or white or yellow, and quite small in size, preferably made in white or one of the light shades of color, in felt. In the shaggy black felts the fashion still continues of trimming with ostrich tips or feathers, and the brim is either stiff or made so that it can be bent into irregular shape. A soft fold of velvet around the crown, with a rosette in front made of quilted ribbon, and two tips at the back of the hat, caught down with rosettes are all the trimming necessary on a hat of medium size and on the picturesque order. Again in black is a hat with stiff brim and soft crown and no trimming save a twist of velvet around the crown and a bow beneath the left side

where the brim turns up, or a flower with green leaves—exceedingly severe, of course, and yet smart, on account of its good lines. Almost without exception the trimming is put on the left brim of the hat and the left side is much higher than the right, but the hat is placed on the head in such a way as not to look one-sided; is, in fact, shaped most carefully so as to avoid any one-sided appearance, but simply to show to advantage the hair. All the hats, indeed, are now made so that the hair shows not only at the back and the sides, but in front, and the hats no longer fit unbecomingly flat to the head, the flat hats having a band inside to raise them. Among the prettiest of the flat hats are those made of colored cloth or tought beaver and trimmed around the brim with a wreath of flowers of the same color or shaded to lighter at the crown. Purple and blue are favorite colors, and as all colored hats are fashionable it is possible to ring a good many changes on the one idea. The fashion for wearing colored hats and white hats grows in popularity all the time, and there are very many more blue, red, gray or green hats with black gowns than there are hats to correspond.

For afternoon and evening wear elaborate white hats are in order, either all white or trimmed with colored tips or with black. Pale blue is a favorite color when any contrast is needed, and now yellow is coming in again, white and yellow being especially smart and a charming combination, and less worn with a pale yellow gown an all yellow hat is not nearly so smart as a white one trimmed with yellow. Coque feathers are a new trimming for hats—that is, the colored ones—exactly matching the material of the hat, and the all red, all blue, all gray or all tau hats trimmed with these feathers are extremely smart, although, of course, there is no comparison in beauty between the coque feather plume and the ostrich plume.



BATHS FOR BOW WOWS.

On the East Side, in the City of New York, there is a young woman who makes an excellent living by the rather unusual process of bathing dogs. She is a person of refinement and an ardent dog lover, who discovered, when reverses made it no longer possible for her to enjoy her own home, that financial failure meant special deprivation to her pet cocker spaniel, who had grown as accustomed to his tub as any well-groomed club man. In the boarding house in which she was compelled to live there was no spot convenient for canine ablutions save the bathtub, which, being the common property of the guests of the house, could not be thought of. The poor dog looked miserable, and even when she bought a foot tub he did not seem to enjoy his bath in such cramped quarters.

This fact suggested an idea to her. Of course, there were hundreds of other dogs in similarly uncomfortable surroundings, and many that did not get the proper number of baths because their owners were too lazy to give them. For these middle-class dogs—not of the aristocratic Fifth Avenue set, with specially equipped kennels—she resolved to set up an establishment where they could be washed (not scrubbed mercilessly, as at many dog exchanges), dried thoroughly, combed and clipped, if need be, and served with broth or biscuits in the fashion of humanity at the Turkish bath.

Starting out with a very few dollars, she

secured a cheap flat, half a dozen tubs, good dog soap, single towels, as each pet was to have special towels set aside for his or her use, to do away with any danger of contaminating mange or other dog disease. She arranged a half dozen little bunks in which doggie could rest well covered up after his bath, and then she told her friends. Through them she has been so well advertised that she has a list of regular dog puttees numbering nearly a hundred. One bath a week at 50 cents each, without extras, results in a nice little income with the smallest imaginable outlay. She has an assistant, but bathes the timid pet dogs herself. The assistant understands clipping, for which a dollar is charged. Broth and biscuits are 10 cents extra.

So successful has this scheme been that its originator is contemplating the addition of a steam room, for she says it is not only the emulated man or woman who can appreciate the restful and refreshing effects of a Turkish bath. When the dogs are called for and delivered an extra charge is made, which is cheerfully paid by those who would not care to take the time or trouble to bring the dog to the bath and wait until it were thoroughly dried before taking it out in the street again.

The exercising of dogs living in apartments or boarding houses is also part of her money-making plan. Thus she profits by the fact that her business is "going to the dogs."

FADS OF NEW YORK'S FASHION LEADERS.

Mrs. John Sherwood uses a staff to lean upon in walking that is a bit suggestive of an Alpine stick, with a crook end. It is of black wood, and has a big bunch of artificial violets tied on it near the top with broad purple satin ribbon.

Miss Cathleen Neilson has the squirrel craze, and possesses two coats of this fur. They are of the Siberian variety, dark and glossy, and tinged in spots with a sort of brown gray. One is made in box-coat fashion, the other is a short blouse, with a circular dounce around the hips and provided with ermine collar and cuffs.

Lace-covered wrist bags and card cases are decidedly new and smart and are appropriate with dressy costumes. Mrs. Alfred G. Vanderbilt has a small bag of white Irish point lace, lined with white silk. It has gold mounts and hangs from a long, slender gold chain over her arm.

Nestling in the rug in front of the fireplace of Mrs. Frederick Baker's library in her house in Fifth Avenue is the dearest little King Charles spaniel imaginable. It never barks when strangers enter the room—in fact, never barks from its place in front of the crackling logs—for it is of wood, beautifully carved and so lifelike in appearance that it looks as if it had curled up by the hearth to enjoy a nap.

Mrs. Harry S. Lehr has revived the old fashion of displaying furniture in drawing-room windows. She has a gilt chair in each of the parlor windows of her house, on West Fifty-sixth street, slender little ones, with backs suggestive of Greek lyres.

The mantle shelf in the drawing-room of Mrs. Henry H. Hollister's town house, 10 West Forty-ninth street, is covered with Dresden statuettes of various sizes, grouped

around a quaint old clock with china pillars for supporters. These figures range from about three to eight inches high and include shepherdesses and their swains, and luscious-looking court ladies with gorgeous porcelain frocks.

Among Mrs. John Jacob Astor's most admired jewels is an emerald ring, set with diamonds. A circle of brilliant frames the enormous emerald in the center, and the sides, instead of being plain gold, like most rings, are entirely incrustated with tiny diamonds.

There is a small oil painting in Mrs. Frederick Neilson's drawing-room which she prizes above all her other art treasures. It shows a charming young mother in a light blue silk gown and her little child. The mother is Mrs. Neilson herself and the child her oldest daughter, Mrs. Arthur Kemp. The scene—one of many years ago—represents the nursery of "Baby Belle," as Mrs. Kemp has always been called, to distinguish her from her mother, after whom she is named.

A relief from the usual conservatory which is to be found in so many town houses these days is the Italian winter garden in Mrs. Edwin E. Weatherbee's residence, 210 Madison Avenue. It is done in marble, after the style of the fourteenth century and opens off the music room, from which it is separated by means of tall white columns of carved wood, wound with grape vines in gold. There is a mosaic fountain at one end, with tiny gold fish swimming around in its basin, banked with ferns, and behind the tangle of gold and colored glass electric lights shine, reflecting veritable rainbows on the water. The effect is wonderfully beautiful. Low seats are scattered around this garden among the palms, and it would be difficult to find a more charming spot in which to listen to music.



THE MODIFIED PICTURE HAT, BY LANTHERIE.

for one of the smart weddings of the winter, and it is likely to have great vogue here among the spring brides. It reads like this:

Count Hadleigh
requests the honor of
Company at the Marriage
of his sister
Amelia
to
The Honorable Clyde Morton,
at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street,
on Wednesday, December 3d,
at 2 o'clock,
and afterwards at
The Hyde Park Hotel,
Manor House, Twickenham Park. R. S. V. P.

In the matter of engraving in this country at present, only black lettering is used. Shaded old English is the latest fad, but script is still popular and less expensive. Coats-of-arms are much used this season on cards and notes of invitation. Cards always are enclosed in one envelope, notes in two.

It is not now considered the proper thing to allow the tissue paper which is put in by the engraver to protect the lettering to remain. It is removed when the note is folded for the envelope. Both envelopes should be addressed, the inner one with the name of the guest and the outer one with the name and the address. On the flap of the outer envelope of wedding invitations the house address of the bride is stamped. This is for the benefit of the postoffice, that the invitation may be accounted for. When thousands of invitations are issued some get misdirected or otherwise go astray, but if the postoffice knows the address of the sender it returns the invitation and the mistake can be rectified.

Not cream white, but gray white paper is used for all forms of engraved invitations.

The odds against a whist player holding all the trumps are 158,720,359,699 to 1.

INTELLECT AND HAIR.

"From the color of a man's hair may be learned a good deal in regard to his intellectual ability," says a professor of the University of Lille who has for some months been closely studying the subject. School-boys with chestnut hair, he maintains, are likely to be more clever than any others, and will generally be found at the head of the class, and in like manner girls with fair hair are likely to be far more studious and bright than girls with dark hair. In mathe-

matics and recitation these boys and girls, he claims, specially excel. On the other hand, he says that boys and girls with brown hair are most likely to attain distinction through their individuality and style, and that those with red or Auburn hair do not often excel in any respect. These are the conclusions at which he has arrived after a careful study of the students at the University of Lille.



BLACK VELVET HAT, WITH CHENILLE OSTRICH FEATHER.



ZIBELINE TOQUE, WITH AIGRETTE OF THE SAME COLOR.